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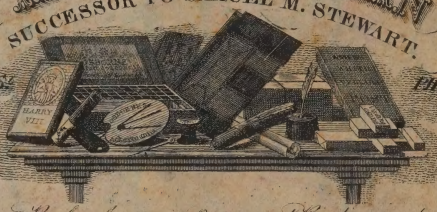

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Prayer.

Twenty members form a Quorum.

Oratory, Nov. 1st 1842. 2 P.M.

The Society met & was opened with prayer by the President. The minutes of the last meeting of the Society of Inquiry, & of the last meeting of the Board of Managers were read & accepted. Brs. J. M. Cook, Gracely, and J. F. Smith were elected members of the Society.

A letter from the Rev. Levi Janiver, written at Allahabad was read by the Corresponding Sec. of the Comtee on Foreign Missions. It was on motion,

Resolved— That another month be allowed to each of the Committees appointed to prepare obituaries on the Rev. Jas. H. Chamberlain, & the Rev. J. W. McElroy.

Brs. Culbertson, Steel & D. Cook, were appointed a Comtee to prepare an obituary of the Rev. J. Dickerson.

The Committees on Public Morals, Romish Chh., & Infidelity— & Bible & Tract Societies, & Religious Education, presented their ten minutes Reports. Bro. Hornblower then inquired of the Chair whether action was not to be taken on these Reports. The Chair having decided that on the ground of precedence no action was necessary on the ten minute reports, an appeal was taken from the decision of the Chair, which was lost. The Committees on Domestic Missions & Revivals & Foreign Missions presented their ten minutes Reports. The Society having united in singing a Hymn, the Annual Report of the Comtee on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans was then read by bro. Hume. & was accepted. On Motion of bro. Miller,

Resolved— That the Society consider the practice which has grown up, of taking no action on some of the Reports submitted to it by its Committees irregular.

Adjourned with prayer by bro. Dodge.

J. Johnston Walsh
Recording Sec.

Oratory Dec. 1st 1862.
2 O'clock P.M.

Soc.y met & was opened with prayer by bro. Ewing. The minutes of the last meeting of the Soc.y of Inquiry, & the last two meetings of the Board of Managers were read. Bro. Green having then declared his intention to appeal from that part of the meetings of the Board which had reference to the Comtee on Rom. Chh., Pub. mor., & Infidelity, it was on motion, Resolved— That the minutes of the last meeting of the Soc.y of Inquiry, & of the regular meeting of the Board of Managers be accepted. Bro. Green having resigned his office as Advocate of the Board, & Bro. Culbertson being appointed in his stead, an appeal from that part of the minutes of the special meeting of the Board, which relates to their action in reference to the Comtee on Rom. Chh., Pub. Mor., & Infidelity, was then moved by bro. Green & seconded. The appellant having stated his reasons for appeal & at some length supported them; & the Advocate of the Board having responded, Bro. Sterling requested the privilege of stating "a few facts": whereupon it was moved that Bro. Sterling have the privilege of so doing, & that the Advocate have the privilege of rejoinder, which was lost. The vote on sustaining the appeal was then taken & lost. The Minutes of the Special meeting were then on motion accepted. James Lenox, Esq. of N-York city, & the Hon. Walter Lowrie, Corresponding Sec.y of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presb.n Chh., were proposed, & elected by an unanimous vote Honorary members of the Soc.y.

On Motion, resolved— That the Comtee appointed to write an obituary on the Rev Jas. H. Chamberlain be allowed another week.

On motion, resolved— That the obituary which appeared in the Presbyterian be received as the obituary of the Rev. J. Dickerson, & the Comtee be discharged.

Bro. J. Greer, Trumbull & Dodge were appointed a Comtee to prepare an obituary on the Rev. Moses H. Hunter.

Moved that the reading of all the ten minutes reports be omitted, with the exception of the report of the Comtee on Bib.l & Tract Soc.s, & Religious Education. Lost.

The Comtees on Romish Chh, &c :— Bibles & Tract Socs &c: Sailors, Soldiers &c: & Foreign Missions, then presented their ten minutes reports, which on motion were accepted. The Soc.y having united in singing a Hymn, the Annual Report of the Comtee on Dom. Missions & Revivals was read:— that part on Dom. Missions by bro. Bellville, & that on Revivals by bro. Bankatyne, which on motion was accepted

Adj.d with prayer by bro. Doolittle.

I. Johnston Walsh
Recor. Sec.y

January 2nd. 1843.

Oratory, 2 o'clock, P.M.

Soc.y met & was opened with prayer by bro. Miller. The minutes of the last meeting of the Soc.y of Inquiry & the last meeting of the Board of Managers were read & approved. Three letters - one from the Soc.y of Inquiry in the New Albany Seminary - one from the Rev I. Scudder, M.D. late of the Madras Mission - & one from bro. M. I. Merwin, were then read by the Corresponding Sec.y: & another, from the Rev Mr Schuck of the China Mission by one of the assistant Cores. Sec.y's. It was then moved, that the Comtee appointed to prepare an obituary of the Rev. Mr Chamberlain be discharged, which was carried.

Bros. Seelye, Mc Martin, & Larkin were appointed a Comtee to prepare an obituary of the Rev. E. D. Allen.

The Committees on Romish Church, Public Morals, & Infidelity, & Bible & Tract Societies, & Religious Education, failed to present their ten minutes reports.

The Committees on Sailors Soldiers & Africans, & Domestic Missions & Revivals presented their ten minutes reports, which on motion were accepted. The Soc.y having united in singing a Hymn, the annual Essay of the Comtee on Foreign Missions was then read by bro. Culbertson & on motion accepted.

Adj.d with prayer by bro. Chamberlain.

I. Johnston Walsh
Recor. Sec.y

February 1st. 1843.

Oratory 2. O'clock P.M.

Society met & was opened with prayer by bro. Bannatyne. Minutes of the last meeting of the Soc'y & the Board were read & approved. Two letters – one from the Hon Walter Lowrie of New-York accepting appointment as honorary member of the Soc'y & the other from Auburn Theol Sem'y were read by the corresponding Sec'y, & one also from the Allegheny Sem'y by one of his Assistants.

The Committees on Romish Chh. Pub. Morals & Infidelity – Sailors, Soldiers & Africans – & Foreign Missions presented their ten minutes reports, which on motion were accepted.

The Committee on Bible & Tract Soc'y & Religious Education failed to report. After singing a hymn the Soc'y listened to the Annual Essay of the Com'tee on Domestic Missions, by bro. D. L. Hughes, which on motion was accepted.

The Soc'y being informed that the Report of Mr Moses H. Hunter's demise was only true as it respected Presbyterianism, it was on motion, resolved – That the Committee appointed to prepare his obituary be discharged.

Adj'd with prayer by bro. Mc Nair.

A. Johnston Walsh

Recording Sec'y –

March 1st. 1843.

Oratory 2 O'clock, P.M.

Society met & was opened with prayer by bro. Lloyd. Minutes of the last meeting of the Soc'y & Board were read & approved. An obituary on the Rev. Jas. B. Morrow was then read by bro. N. A. Brown. The Committees on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans – Foreign Missions – & Domestic Missions & Revivals presented their ten minutes reports, which on motion were accepted. The Committee on Bible & Tract Soc'y & Religious Education failed to report.

The Society having united in singing a hymn, listened to the Annual Report of the Committee on Public Morals, Romish Chh & Infidelity, the part relating to Public Morals being read by bro. Earp, & that to Romish Chh & In-

fidelity by brother Dodge - which on motion was accepted.
Adj.d with prayer by br. Harned.
I. Johnston Walsh
Recording Sec.y

April 1st. 1843.
Oratory 2. o'clock P. M.

Oratory 2 o'clock P. M. The Society met and was opened with prayer by brother Green who presided. The minutes of last meeting of the society and of the Board were read and approved. An Essay was read by the Committees on Bible and Tract Societies and religious Education. An Obituary of Edward Derrick Allen was then read by Bro. Seelye. It was resolved that the Obituary of Brother Caufield found in the Missionary Chronicle be adopted by the Society in place of one prepared by the Committee appointed to write his obituary. The following Committees presented their ten minutes report viz. - Foreign missions - Public morals Romish Church and infidelity - Sailors - Soldiers & Africans - Domestic missions & Revivals - The Society united in singing a hymn and closed with prayer by Bro. Miller

James Greer
Secretary Pro: Tem:

May 1st. 1843.
Oratory 10 o'clock A. M.

Morning Session.

Society met & was opened with prayer by bro. Dodge. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Soc.y & the last two meetings of the Board of Managers were read & approved. The object of the meeting being stated by the Presd.t the Soc.y proceeded to the election of officers for the Ensuing year, together with that of Orator & Essayist which resulted as follows

President	Jno Lloyd
Vice-Presd.t	M. S. Culbertson
Recording Sec.y	I. Belville
Corresponding Sec.y	H. A. Brown

1st Assistant	S. Miller Jr.
2nd do	Woodbridge
Treasurer	Janvier
Librarian	Bannatyne
Keeper of the Cabinet	Leslie
Chairman of Standing Com^{tee}	Love
1st Assistant	Chamberlain
2nd do	Newell
Orator	Mitchell
Alternate	Carpenter
Essayist	Dodge
Alternate	Dripdale

The Election being finished the Soc^{y} adj^{d} with prayer by bro Bannatyne.

L. Johnston Walsh
Recording Sec^{y}.

2 O'clock P.M.

Evening Session —

Soc^{y} met & was opened with prayer by bro Roseel. The minutes of the Morning Session were read & approved. The Corresponding Sec^{y} then read letters from three different Theo: Seminaries — viz, Columbia, S.C. — Andover, Mass — & Union Va. The Corresponding Sec^{y} of the Com^{tee} on Foreign Missions read a letter from Rev P. Dougherty, Missionary among the Indians. On motion, a letter written to Dr Alexander by Rev W. S. Potts of St. Louis, noticing the destitution of the West & the need of more Laborers, was read by bro. Scribner. Bro. Miller read an Obituary of the Rev. Robt. Breck, which on motion was accepted. The Com^{tees} on Romish Ch. Pub. Morals, & Infidelity:— Sailors, Soldiers & Africans: & Domes. Miss^{s} & Revivals, presented their minutes reports which on motion were received. The Com^{tee} on Bible & Tract Soc^{s} & Relig^{s} Education was on motion excused from reading their report. The Soc^{y} having united in singing a Hymn listened to the Annual Report of the Com^{tee} on For. Missions by S. Miller Jr., which on motion was adopted.

Adj^{d} with prayer by bro. Green

L. Johnston Walsh. Sec^{y}.

Annual Meeting

May 11 th 1843.

The Soc? of Inquiry convened in the Chapel at 7½ o'clock P.M. & was opened with prayer by Rev. H. A. Boardman of Phil.a An Essay was then read by Br. W. H. Hornblower, setting forth "The necessity of Eminent holiness in the Church to the Conversion of the world". A hymn was then Sung, which was followed by an Oration from Br. M. Simpson Culbertson, on - "The Church a Missionary Organization".

The Soc? then closed with prayer by Dr Janeway of New-Brunswick, & the benediction by Dr Rice, of Princeton.

J. Johnston Wallace
Recording Sec?

September 1st 1843.

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M.

Soc? met - the President in the Chair - and was opened with prayer by Wm. Belville. The minutes of the last two meetings of Soc? and of the last meeting of the Board of Managers were then read and adopted. A motion was then made by Wm. Culbertson that the reading of the Constitution be omitted — (Carried). The following named gentlemen were then Elected Members of the Society —

John Farquhar
Wm. McElheny
Chas. Phillips
Jas. Parke
Stewart
Kennedy
Cheney
Goodman
Van Dyke.

The Corresponding Secretary then read a letter from the Theological Missionary Soc. of Edinburgh.

The Com. Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions read a letter from Mr R. D. Davenport of Pantoote. The Committees all failed to present their ten minutes reports. The Soc. united in Singing a Hymn. The Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity failed to present their Annual Essay

A letter was read from Mr. Mitchell tendering the resignation of his place as Annual Orator which was on motion accepted. The President gave notice that Mr Carpenter the Alternate would be the Orator for the next Annual meeting. A motion was then made that the Annual Essay of the Committee on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity be presented at the next Reg. Meeting in connection with the Annual report or Essay then in order. (Carried)

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Culbertson.

Jacob Bidwell Rec. Sec'y

October 1st 1843

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M.

Society met — opened with prayer by Bro. Cook. The Minutes of the last meetings of the Society and Board of Managers were read and adopted.

The following gentlemen were then proposed and elected members of the Society —

Messrs

Crane	Lacey
Thomas	Scudder
Garland	McCullough
Stevens	Lorance
Scott	Buchanan
Goldsmith	Peacock
Hodge	Young
Colyer	Starke
Irving	Wilson
Robell M.	B. Phillips
Mintz	Kollock —

Mr Miller, 1st ass't Cor. Sec. then read letters from the Theological School at Geneva & the Miss. Institute at Paris. Mr. Wordbridge 2nd ass't Cor. Sec. read a letter from the Miss. Institute Barmen — Rhenish Prov. Prussia.

On Motion Mr Rice was then directed to read a letter from the Rev. Mr Jones of Georgia addressed to the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans. Messrs Hughes, Janvier & Cook were appointed to prepare an Obituary on the Rev. Saml. G. Blythe &c.

The two months Minutes reports of the Com.s on

Foreign Miss — Sailors, Soldiers & Africans — were then read and accepted. The Com. on Dom. Miss. read as their report, a letter from the Rev L. G. Bell of Iowa, which was accepted.

Soc. then united in singing the 117th Psalm. According to the order of Soc. at its last meeting there was to be read an Annual report from the Com. on Bibles Tract Soc! & Religious Education & an Annual Essay from the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Ch. & Infidelity. Br. McNair moved that the Essay be read and the Report omitted. An Amendment was offered — that the Essay be omitted & the Report read which was carried. Mr. McNair then read the report on Bibles — Mr Stebbins — on Relig. Educ. the reporter on Tracts was absent. The Report as a whole was accepted. Mr Brown moved that the Com. Soc. be directed to write to the Rev. Dr. Boone of the Epis. Miss. to China to request a visit from him — the expense to be paid by the Society. The President decided that the business belonged to the Board of Managers.

Mr Thompson was on motion elected a member of Soc.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Clelland

D. A. Brown

Sec. pro tem.

November 1st 1843.

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M.

Soc. Met and was opened with prayer by Mr A. H. Brown. The minutes of the last meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers were read and adopted. Messrs Buyers and Parke were then Elected members of the Society. Mr Hughes then read an obituary on the Rev. W. L. G. Blythe which was accepted. Messrs. Clelland — Wallace & Watson were appointed a committee to prepare an obituary of the Rev. W. T. Venable dec. The Monthly reports of the Committees on "Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity" — on "Domestic Missions & Revivals" and on Bible & Tract Societies & Religious Education were then read & accepted. The Soc. then united in singing after which the Annual Essay of the Com. on For. Miss. was read by Mr A. H. Brown.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Mr Morrison

J. Belville Rec. Sec.

December 1st 1843.

Oratory 2 o'clock. P.M.

Soc. met, & was opened with prayer by Mr Drysdale. The minutes of the last meetings of the Soc. & Board of Managers were then read and accepted. A letter was then read by the Cor. Sec. of the Com. on For. Miss. from the Rev. Dr. Boone. A motion was then made to omit the reading of the ten minutes reports, to afford time for some remarks from Mr Santalle (Card) The Annual report of the Com. on Dom. Mis. and Revivals was then read by Mr Drysdale and accepted. After the Singing of a Hymn Mr Santalle spent an hour in making many interesting communications relative to the state of religion in Europe. Messrs Matson-Merrill Selye & McCoy were then elected members of Society.

Adjourned with Prayer

J. Belville
Rec. Sec.

January 1st 1844.

Oratory 2. O'clock P.M.

Society was called to order by the President and opened with prayer by Mr Scott. Minutes of the last meeting of the Society read and accepted. The Board of Managers had had no meeting for want of a quorum, consequently no report. Mr Sellers was proposed & Elected. Cor. Sec. of Society & Cor. Sec. of the Committee on For. Missions had no letters to read. Mr French read a ten minutes report in behalf of the Com. on For. Missions Report accepted. Com. On Public Morals. No Report. Com. on Domestic Missions and Revivals. Br. Matson stated that he had been directed to report by reading letters from the South & West. The first occupied ten minutes in reading when on motion the 2d letter was read and the Report accepted Br. McCulloh from the Com. on Bible and Tract Societies and Religious Education read a ten minute report on the "Tract Effort of Great Britain." Report accepted. After Singing a Hymn Annual

Report of the Committee on Sailors Soldiers and Officers being in order Mr Rice read a Report on Officers. Mr Watson on Soldiers. Reports accepted. Report on Sailors was absent. No other business being before the Society, after Prayer Society Adjourned.

P. N. Young
Sec. Pro Tem.

February 1st

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M.

Society met and was opened with prayer by Mr Gready. The minutes of the last meetings of the Society and Board of Managers were then read and accepted.
Mr Serle was elected a member of Society Monthly reports being then in order the Com. on Foreign Missions failed. The report of the Com. on Public morals, Romish Church and Infidelity was read by Mr McMartin and accepted. The report of the Com. on Sailors Soldiers & Africans was read by Mr O. Paul and accepted. The report of the Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education was read by Mr McMain and accepted.
The Cor. Sec.y of the Soc. then read a letter from the Miss. Institute Hamburgh. The 2nd. Assistant read a letter from the Students of Theology in the Royal College Belfast Ireland.

After Singing the Society heard the Annual Essay of the Com. on Dom. Missions, by Mr Goldsmith, which was accepted. Mr A A Brown by permission read a letter from the Rev. J V Brown of Indiana, in regard to the wants of a certain portion of the West. After which Soc.

Adjourned with prayer

J. V. Belville
Rec. Sec.

March 1st.

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M.

Soc. met and was opened with prayer.
The min. of the last meetings of the Soc. & Board of Managers were then read.
An appeal was taken by the Sec.t ag.t from the action of the Board by which Messrs. J. Mitchell & A. Wilson were declared no longer members. The appeal was sustained
An appeal was also taken from the resolution of the Board to propose a change in the By Laws. The appeal was last and acc.d that resolution was laid upon the table to be acted on at the next meeting.
The minutes were then accepted and with the exception of the first resolution ap. from. were adopted.
Mr Cosman was elected a member of Soc.y
The Cor. Sec.y then read letters from "the Theo. Sem.y at New Albany" — "the West.n Theo. Sem.y" "the Edinburgh Miss. Assoc. & the Soc. of Inq.y of the Newton Theo. Institute.
The Cor. Sec.y of the Com. on For. Miss. read letters from Mr. Gillespie of the Iowa and Sac Miss. and from Rev. W. Hamilton of the same. Messrs. Chamberlain, White and Darnell were app.d a Com. to prepare an obituary on the Rev. J. D. Steele.
On motion the reading of the monthly Reports was omitted. The Annual Report of the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Ch. & Infidelity was then read and accepted.

Adjourned with prayer

D. V. Pelrill
Rec.g Sec.t

April 1st 1844

Oratory 2 P.M.

Soc met & was opened with prayer by Mr Doolittle - The minutes of the Soc.y & of the Board of Managers at their last meetings were read & accepted

The corresponding Secy then read a letter from Hamilton Literary & Theological Institute

Corresponding Secy of Comtee on Foreign Missions read a letter from W. Athrop Cuyler addressed to Rev Dr Alexander also one from R M Lockridge of the Creek Mission also one from W S Lowrie from Macao - Brethren Newell, Chamberlain & Dorland were appointed a Comtee to prepare an obituary of Rev. Mr Stong

The annual report of Comtee of Foreign Missions was expected at this time but not made

Ten minute report being in order the report of Comtee on Foreign Missions was read by Mr Steel and accepted - The report on Public Morals Romish Church & Infidelity was read by Mr Farquahar and accepted The Comtee on Sailors Soldiers and Africans failed to make report -

The report of Comtee on Domestic Missions & Reno was read by Mr Buchanan & accepted

The report of Comtee on Tracts Bibles & Religious education failed

The resolution laid upon the table at the last meeting to alter the By Laws so as to prevent any periodical from being removed from the Reading room was called up

Mr Irvin offered the following amendment "that the privilege of taking periodicals from the Reading Room be confined to the Reporters & that the Literary periodicals shall not be removed - The amendment was lost - The vote being taken upon the original question it was decided in the affirmative

Society adjourned with prayer

J Beloille

Secy

Wednesday, May 1st 1844.

Oratory 11 o'clock A.M.

The Society met, and the Vice President, Mr. Culbertson, in the absence of the President, took the Chair. Prayer by Mr. Mitchell.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Soc.y were read and accepted.

The Minutes of the Board of Managers were next read; when on motion it was

Resolved, That the Minutes of the adjourned meeting of April 29th be corrected, by striking Mr. Thompson's name from the Treasurer's Report, on the ground that he was never really a member of the Soc.y until the present Sesion, for which he has paid.

As thus corrected, the Minutes were approved.

The Librarian being called on for his Annual Report said he had none to make.

The Keeper of the Cabinet presented his Annual Report, which was accepted.

Mr. Love from the Standing Committee presented the annual Report of that Committee which was accepted.

The Treasurer, being called on for his Annual Report, said he would be prepared to present it at the afternoon sesion of the Soc.y

The Society then went into an election of Officers, and an Orator and Essayist, for next year, which resulted as follows:—

For President was Elected Mr. Westcott,
" V. President " " " French,

Resolved, That we next proceed to the election of Orator & Essayist, and their alternates.

For Orator, Mr. Steward,
His Alternate, Mr. O. Park,
" Essayist, Mr. Rice,
His Alternate, Mr. Buchanan,

Resolved, That the Soc.y now adjourn to meet at 1 o'clock P.M.

Soc.y met. Prayer by Mr. Chamberlin.] Oratory, 1 o'clock P.M.

The Election for Officers being continued, resulted in the choice

For Recording Sec.y	of,	Mr. Pierson -
" Corresponding Sec.y	"	Mr. Cuyler -
" 1st Asoc. Cor. Sec.y	"	Mr. Buchanan -
" 2d Do. Do.	"	Mr. J. Merrill -
" Treasurer -	"	Mr. D. Cook -
" Librarian -	"	Mr. Irving -
" Keeper of Cabinet	"	Mr. Rogers -
" Chairman of Stand.g Comm.tee	"	Mr. Goodman -
" 1st Asistant -		Mr. Young -
" 2d Asistant -		Mr. D. Park -

The Society adjourned at 1/2 past 1 o'clock. Prayer by Mr. ~~Chamberlain~~ Johnson.

Samuel Miller Jr Sec.y pro tem.

Oratory, 2 o'clock P.M.

The Society met, the Vice President in the Chair, and was opened with prayer by the Chairman. The Minutes of the morning meeting were read and accepted.

The Corresponding Sec.y read a letter received from the Students of the School of Theology at Geneva.

The 1st Asoc. Cor. Sec.y read a letter from the Missionary Students at Paris.

The Cor. Sec.y of the Committee on For. Miss. read a letter from Rev. J. Johnson Walsh, Missionary to N. India.

Mr. Clelland read an obituary notice of Rev. Mr. William T. Venable, which was approved.

The Committees on Pub. Morals, Romish Ch. & Infidelity were called on for their Report, but none was presented.

The Committee on Sailors, Soldiers and Africans, through Mr. Scott, presented their ten minutes report, which was accepted.

Mr. Parke presented the ten minutes report of the Committee on Domestic Missions & Revivals, which was accepted.

Mr. Goodman presented the ten minutes report of the Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education, which was accepted.

The members of the Society then united in singing the 554 Hymn.

Mr. Tiger presented the Annual Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, which was accepted.

The Treasurer offered his Annual Report, which was accepted.

The Society then took up the Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, recommended by the Board of Managers. See Minutes of the Board for March 28th 1844.

Resolved, that Each Amendment be acted upon separately.

The Socy. adopted all the amendments as reported by the Board of Managers, without alteration, except by substitution of "two thirds" for "three fourths", in the 19th sect. of Art. 9th of the By Laws.

The Socy. adjourned - Prayer by Mr. Wells -

Samuel Miller, Jr. Secy. pro. tem.

August 31st 1844.

Oratory 2 o'clock PM.

The Society met and was opened with prayer by Mr. French, the Vice Pres. who, in the absence of the President took the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Soc. were read and approved.

The minutes of the Bd. of managers were then read & accepted. The following Students were then proposed & unanimously elected members of the Society.

Messrs. Lane.	A. Rice
Duffield.	A.S. Williams
Knighton.	Dod.
Potter.	Wales.
Custar	Bogle
Shields	Woods.
David.	McNeely.
Bullions	Halsey.
Davis	Cameron.
Barnard.	D.S. Anderson
De Pew.	R.G. Williams
Porter.	A. J. Mitchell
Giles.	Hoge.
Ryerson.	Eakins.
S. Alexander.	Freeland.
Catell.	Shinn.
Reese.	Perkins.
Dinsmore.	

The Cor. Sec. then read a letter from Mr. Ira Tracy, Amherst. The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on For. Missions read letters from Messrs McCarty, Maccas. China & Janvier. Lodiana. The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Domestic Missions read a letter from Mr. Alexander Williamson Logansport Res. J.

The Society then united in singing the 560 Hymn The Com. on Dom. Miss. presented their 10 minutes Report which was accepted.

The Com. on For. Mis. — the Com on Bibles Tracts &c and the Com. on Sailors Soldiers and Africans were called upon, but failed to report.

The Com. on Pub. Morals. Romish Ch. & Infidelity failed to present their annual Essay. the Essayest not having returned.

The Soc. adj^d prayer by Mr. Bannatyne.

David H. Pierson. Sec^y

P. S.

In accordance with art 10, Sec, 4, of the Constitution of Society the names of the following gentlemen are reported as having left the Seminary in arrears to the Society, Messrs Belville, Reynolds, Knox, Morgan, and A Wilson, in consequence of which their names cannot be entered on the list of honorary Members.

October 1st, 1824.

Oratory, 2 o'clock, P.M.

The Society met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the Board of Managers were read & approved by Society. The Minutes of the previous meeting of Society were also read and approved.

Messrs A.V.C. Schenck, Harrison, Taylor, Johnson, Eells, and Todd were proposed and elected members of Society.

The Com. on F. Missions was then called upon for their ten minutes' report, which was read by Mr Thomas, and on motion was accepted by Society.

The Com. on D. Missions called upon for their ten minutes report, which was read by Mr Newell and accepted by Society.

The Com. on Sailors, Soldiers and Africans reported through Mr Scudder, which was accepted.

The Com. on P. Morals, Rom. C. and Infidelity failed to present their ten minutes report.

The Society then united in singing the 553rd hymn.

The Com. on Bibles, Tracts, and Rel. Education was then called upon for their Annual Report, which was read by Messrs Newell and Seely, and accepted by Society.

The following Committees were appointed to prepare obituaries of former Members of Society, Viz. Messrs Davis, Bullions & Young, that of Rev. Sylvester Eaton, Messrs Beach, Crane, and H. P. Johnson, that of Mr. John S. Brown, Messrs Gosman, Hamill, and Crawford, that of Rev. Horace Beach, Messrs J. Park, D. S. Anderson & Irving, that of Rev. G. W. Swan, Society then adjourned with prayer by Mr Thomas

Wm M. Scott
Secy. P. S.

November 1st 1844.

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M.

The Society met, the President in the Chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr. D. S. Anderson. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Managers were read and accepted. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Society were also read and accepted.

Messrs Baldwin, Forman & ~~Wood~~ were then proposed as members of the Society and Unanimously Elected.

The President read the Constitution of the Society as required by Sect. 7, Art. X, of the By-Laws.

Mr. Scudder from the Committee appointed for that purpose presented an obituary of the Rev. R Sawyer, late missionary to Western Africa, which was accepted.

Mr. Chambalain from the Committee appointed, read an obituary of Rev. Ephraim Strong, Jr which was accepted.

The Cor. Sec.y of the Society ~~offered~~ had no letters to read.

The Cor. Sec.y of the Comm. on For. Miss. read communications from Rev. O. French, Seroor, India and Rev. J. Perkins of Oroomiah, Persia.

The Cor. Sec.y of the Comm. on Domest. Miss. had no letters to read. The Society then United in singing the 564th Hymn.

The Committee on Pub. Mor. R. Church & Infidelity, failed to report.

Mr. Stebbins from the Comm. on Bibs Trs and Rel. Ed. read their ten minutes report on the subject of Bibles, which was accepted.

Mr. T. Wilson read the ten minutes report of the Committee on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans, which was accepted.

The ten minutes report of the Committee on Dom. Miss. and Revivals was presented by Mr. Hughes & accepted.

The following Paper was then presented:—

The undersigned, appointed for this purpose by the Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Relig. Education, request on behalf of that Committee, that the Society, agreeably to the by-laws, refer to the Board of Managers for publication a series of interrogatories, respecting Christian Education in Church-Schools, with an extract from a report offered to said Committee, as explanatory of the meaning & object of such interrogatories, and a request for information, in answer to the same, from all who may be able to communicate any matter of interest respecting Church Schools.

S. Miller, Jr
P. W. Newell.
A. H. Seeley.

On motion it was resolved, That the request of the Comm. on Bibs Trs & Relig. Edn be granted, & the Papers mentioned referred to the Board for Publication.

Messrs James Merrill, Wm W. Scudder & Goodman were appointed to prepare an Obituary of the late Rev. Geo. H. Apthorpe, Missionary to India; and Messrs R. G. Williams, W. H. Johnson and Lacey to prepare an obituary of the Rev. Boyce.

The Society then adjourned after prayer by Mr. Chamberlin.

Samuel Miller, Jr
Sec.

December 2nd 1844.

Oratory, 2 O'clock P. M.

The Society met. the Vice President in the Chair. and was opened with prayer by Mr. Hoover. The minutes of the last Meetings of the Society and Board of Managers were read and accepted. Messrs. Andrews, Baily, Craven, Dalton, Kirk, Hunter, Richards, & M. Rowell were proposed for membership, and unanimously Elected.

The Cor. Sec. of the Soc. had no letters to read.

The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on For. Miss. reported that letters had been written to Rev. A. R. Hoisington, Batticotta, Ceylon, and Rev. Dal. W. Miller, Texas

The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Dom. Miss. had no letters to read.

Mr. White, from the Com. on For. Miss. read their 10 minutes report. Which was accepted.

Mr. Goodman, from the Com. on Bibles, tracts, & Relig. Educ. read their 10 Minutes report. Which was accepted.

The Com. on Pub. Morals, Rom. Church, & Infidelity made no report.

Mr. Alexander read the 10 minutes report for the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans which was accepted.

After singing the Annual Report of the Com. on Dom. Miss. & Revivals. was read by Messrs. Grady & Johnston, and accepted.

Messrs. Billions, Mattoon & Porter were appointed a Committee to prepare an Obituary of Mr. Horace B. Hunt.

A letter was read, from Mr. Stewart, resigning the appointment of Orator of the Society for the Close of the Session. Mr. O. Park the attenate Orator, also Offered his resignation which was accepted. The Society then proceeded to the Election of Orator, and Mr. Cuyler was Elected.

Motion was made and carried to suspend Art. 8. sect. 3. of the By-Laws. The Society then, on motion, resolved, that Mr. Wilson be the attenate in place of Mr. Park, resigned.

The Society then Adjourned. Prayer by Mr. Thompson.

Jn. M. Buchanan
Sec. Pro tem.

January 1st 1845.

Oratory 2 o'C. P.M.

The Soc.y being convened, in the absence of the President and Vice President, Mr. Rice was called to the Chair. Prayer by Mr. Davis. The Minutes of the last meetings of the Board and of the Society were read & approved.

No reports were presented. The members united in singing the 117 Psalm.

Mr. Scott, by permission, then read part of a letter to Dr. Alexander, from the Rev. John B. Adger, Missionary at Smyrna. He also reported, as Cor. Sec.y of the Committee on Foreign Missions a letter rec.d from the Rev. H. R. Wilson, Futtehgurh, India; and letters written to the Rev. Dr. Duff, Gen. Assemb.s Seminary, Calcutta, & to the Rev. Justin Perkins Broomiah, Persia. It was

Resolved, that the letter from Mr. Wilson be read before the Seminary Students at the next Monthly Concert meeting.

The Annual Report of the Committee on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans, was read by Mr. J. Park, Jr. on Sailors, Mr. Scott on Soldiers, & Mr. Mc. Pheeters on Africans, & accepted.

The recommendation of the Board, that Art. XVI of the Constitution should be so altered as to read, "The regular meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Thursday of every month during the Session of the Theolog. Sem.y & its meetings shall be opened, &c. &c." (See Minutes of the Board of Nov.r 28th. and Dec.r 26th.) was taken up. The President decided that it could not be acted upon until the next meeting of the Soc.y but on appeal this decision was reversed; and the Soc.y resolved that the proposed Change should be made.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Johnston.

Samuel Miller Jr.
Sec.y

February 6th. 1845

Oratory 2 o'C. P. M.

The Society met. - Vice president in the Chair. and was opened with prayer by Mr Miller. - The Minutes of the last meetings of the Board and of the Society were read and accepted.

The Cor. Sec. of the Society read a letter from the Soc.y of Inquiry at Auburn.

The Cor. Sec.y of the Comm.e on For. Miss. had no letters to read

The Cor Sec[y] of the Comm on Dom[c] Miss read a letter from Rev Mr Chase Natchez & one from Mr Ogden Three Rivers Mich.

The Comm on For. Miss had no report.

Mr Harrison from the Comm. on Bibles. Tracts & Religious Education read their ten minutes report which was accepted.

The members then united in Singing the 555 hymn.

Mr Beach from the Comm on Sailors. Soldiers and Africans read their ten minutes report which was accepted.

The Committee on Public Morals. Romish Church & Infidelity failed to report.

The Comm on Domestic Miss. failed to present their annual Essay.—

Mr Beach from the Committee appointed—Read an obituary of Jonathan F. Brown. which was accepted.—

The resignation of Mr Dorland was then offered & accepted.

Article 6. Sec. 3. of the By Laws. at the recommendation of the Board was repealed—

The Society then adjourned with prayer by Mr Pernie.

David Irving
Sec[y]. P. T.—

Society of Inquiry

March 6th. 1845.

Oratory 2 o'clock P. M.

The Society met the Vice President in the Chair and was opened with Prayer by Bro. Dorland. The minutes of the last meeting of Society and also of the Board of Managers were read & accepted.

Mr. P. M. Pernie was then proposed as member of the Society and unanimously elected.

Mr. Gosman the Corresponding Secretary of the Society read a Letter from the Society of Inquiry at New Albany Indiana.

Mr. Scott from the Committee on Foreign Missions, read Letters from Rev. W. M. Sowrie of the Cherokee Mission. Rev. Mr. Armstrong of the Sandwich Islands Mission and the Rev. Mr. Dougherty of the Indian Mission at Grand Traverse Bay.

Mr. Davis from the Committee appointed for that purpose read an Obituary of the Rev. Sylvester Eaton which on

motion was accepted

Mr. R. Williams from the Committee on Foreign Missions presented their ten minutes Report which on motion was accepted

Mr. Bailey from the Committee on Domestic Missions presented their ten minutes Report which on motion was accepted

A motion was then adopted that the Society adjourn until 5 o'clock this afternoon to give members an opportunity of attending the Ordination of Rev. Mr. Rogers in the Seminary Chapel

5 o'clock P.M. March 6.

The Society met according to adjournment, the Vice President in the Chair, the minutes of the preceding Sesion were read and accepted.

On motion Mr Bailey from the Committee on Domestic Missions was permitted to finish his ten minutes Report, as it was ascertained that he had been inadvertently Called down before his time expired at the previous Sesion

Mr. Porter from the Committee on Sailors Soldiers and Africans presented their ten Minutes Report which on motion was accepted.

Mr Perkin from the Committee on Bibles Tracts and Religious Education presented their ten minutes Report which was accepted.

On motion the By Law was waived so as to dispense with the usual exercise of singing a Psalm or Hymn during the meeting

The Annual Report of the Committee on Public Morals Romish Church and Infidelity was then presented in part by Mr McMartin and accepted, while the other Members of said Committee appointed for this purpose failed to Report.

On motion the Society adopted the amendments to the By Laws recommended by the Board of Managers [See Minutes of the Board February 28th 1845.]

The Society then adjourned with Prayer by Mr. Scott

A. D. White Recor. Sec'y

Society of Inquiry

April 3d 1845. 2 o'clock P.M.

The Society met - the Vice President in the Chair - and was opened with Prayer by Mr. Wallace. The minutes of the last meeting of the Society and also of the Board of Managers were read and accepted

Messrs. Geo. A. Borrman and Herron were proposed as members of Society and Elected

The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions read a Letter from Rev. William Hamilton of the Iowa and Sac Mission

Mr. I. Parke from the Committee appointed for that purpose read an Obituary of the Rev. T. W. Swan, which on motion was accepted.

Mr. B. F. Lacy from a Committee appointed for the purpose read an Obituary of the Rev. Artemas Boies which on motion was accepted

Mr. Wattoon from a Committee appointed for that purpose read an obituary of the Rev. Horace B. Hunt which on motion was accepted.

Permission being granted Mr. Irving read a Letter from Rev. L. G. Wilson of the Mission Station at Gaboon River Africa

Mr. Cattell from the Committee on Foreign Missions presented their ten minutes Report which was accepted.

Mr. Bannard from the Committee on Domestic Missions presented their ten minutes Report which was accepted

The Society then united in Singing a part of the 563 Hymn

Mr. Lane from the Committee on Public Morals Romish Church & Infidelity presented their ten minutes Report which was accepted.

Mr. Chamberlain from the Committee on Sailors Soldiers and Africans presented their ten minutes Report which was accepted

Mr. Newell from the Committee on Bibles Tracts & Religious Education presented their Annual Essay which was accepted

Messrs. Cuyler, Bannard and Todd were appointed to prepare an Obituary of the late Jeremiah D. Taylor, and Messrs Cook, Thompson and Stebbins to prepare

an Obituary of the late James McEwen

There being no further business the Society adjourned with Prayer by Mr. Goodman

A. D. White Recor. Sec'y

Society of Inquiry

Oratory 11 o'clock A.M.

May 1st, 1845.

The Society met and in the absence of the President and Vice President Mr. Hamill took the Chair. Prayer was then offered by Mr. Carpenter The minutes of the last Meeting of the Society were read and accepted. The Minutes of the last meeting meeting, the regular & the adjourned Meetings of the Board of Managers were read and accepted - all except those which pertain to the Treasurers. Report - which on motion were stricken out.

The Society then went into an Election of Officers - and an Orator and Essayist for the next Year which resulted as follows. -

Officers - For years 1845-1846.

For President was Elected -	Mr. - Irving
" Vice Pres'ty " "	Mr - Lacy
" Recor. Sec'y - "	Mr. A. V.C. Schenck
" Corres. Sec'y " "	Mr - Barnard
" 1st Assistant Do "	Mr - Giles
" 2d Assistant " "	Mr - Richardson
" Treasurer - " "	Mr - Goodman
" Librarian " "	Mr - Johnson
" Keeper of the Cabinet "	Mr - Cattell
" Standing Committee Ch'n	Mr Bailey
" 1st Assistant " "	Mr. Davis
" 2d Do - " "	Mr. Eakins
" Orator " "	Mr. Gosman
" Alternate " "	Mr. Shields
" Essayist " "	Mr. Buchanan
" Alternate " "	Mr. Wurts.

The Society adjourned with Prayer by Mr. Lacy

A. D. White. Recor. Secretary

Society of Inquiry — 2 o'clock P.M.
May 1st 1845.—

The Society of Inquiry met — Mr. Hamill in the Chair — Prayer opened with Prayer by Mr. Cook. The minutes of the morning Session were read and accepted

The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions read a Letter from Rev. J. W. Miller Missionary at Galveston Texas.—

Mr. Scudder in behalf of the Committee appointed for that purpose read an Obituary of Rev. Grs. H. Apthorp late Missionary at Ceylon. which on motion was accepted.

Mr. A. D. Mitchell from the Committee on Public Morals Romish Church & Infidelity presented their 10 minutes Report which on motion was accepted

Mr. Davis from the Committee on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans presented their 10 minutes Report which on motion was accepted

The Society then united in Singing a part of the 349th Hymn.

Mr. Gosman from the Committee on Foreign Missions presented their Annual Report which on motion was accepted

A motion was then adopted that the Resolution of this morning approving of the Minutes of the Board of Managers be reconsidered

On motion it was Resolved that the Minutes of the Board of Managers be approved except so much as relates to Mr. D. Cook as Treasurer.

On motion it was farther Resolved That in the opinion of this Society Bro. Cook late Treasurer of this Society has discharged his duty faithfully and Creditably, But that the Books have been so kept that it is not possible to ascertain when the financial year Commenced, & of Course what amount of funds has been received into the Treasury since the last Annual Report of the Treasurer in receiving and disbursing the funds of the same

The Chairman appointed the Messrs Irving, Scudder, and

Johnson to nominate Essayists on Missions for each Monthly Concert during next Session

Mr. Wurts tendered his resignation as Alternate Essayist, and on motion it was accepted

An Election was then held for alternate Essayist in the place of Mr. Wurts, and resulted in the choice of Mr. Wm. M. Scott

Adjourned with Prayer by Mr. Lacy

A. D. White, Recor. Secy

Annual Meeting of the Society of Inquiry

Chapel, May 8th 1845. 8 o'clock P.M.

The Society convened in the Chapel of the Seminary & was opened with Prayer by Rev. Dr. A. Alexander. An excellent Essay on the subject of "Missions" was then read by Mr. John Holt Rice.

An able and Eloquent Oration was delivered by Mr. Theodore L. Cuyler. His subject was the "Valley of the Mississippi."

The exercises were interspersed with Vocal and Instrumental Music by a Select Choir under the superintendance of Mr Jones Stebbins whose performances Contributed to the interest of the occasion

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr Backus of Baltimore and the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Miller of Princeton

A. D. White, Rec. Secy

Society of Enquiry Oratory 1 o'clock P. M.
Sept. 2th 1845.

The Society met - the Vice President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Merrill. The minutes of the last regular and Annual meetings were read and accepted. The minutes of the last regular and adjourned meetings of the Board of Managers were read and approved

The following gentlemen were proposed and elected members of the Society. Messrs.

King	Parker
Pratt	Sulick
Brown	Rankin
Lee	Lourie
Thiland	Chapman
Miller	Reed
Heckman	Graham
Carroll	Davison
Huntington	Paxton
J. Powell	Ballentine
Blain	Niles
Gregory	Manly
Mann	Olmsted
Breed	Edgar
Brugh	Taylor
Wight	Walker
Robertson	Waine

The Corresponding Secretary read letters from the Society of Enquiry at Columbia So. Ca. - from the New College Missionary Association of the Free Ch. of Scotland at Edinburg, and from the Society of Enquiry of the Theological School at Geneva

The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions read letters from the Rev. Mr Hamilton of the Iowa and Sac Mission, Rev. Mr Hoisington of Batticotta, and from Rev. F. B. Thomson of the Borneo Mission

It was moved and carried that the usual exercise of singing be dispensed with.

The Committees on Foreign and Domestic Missions on Bibles, Tracts and Religious Education and on

Sailors, Soldiers and Africans were severally called upon but failed to present their ten minutes reports.

The Committee on Public Morals, Romish Ch. and Infidelity were called upon but failed to present their annual essay

Mr R. S. Williams by permission from the Society, read extracts from a letter of the Rev. Dr Perkins of the Mission to Persia

Messrs Mc Cullough, Anderson Richardson and Bogle offered their resignations as members of the Society, which were accepted.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Bailey.

Addison V. C. Schenck
Recg. Secy.

Oratory 2 o'clock P. M. Oct. 2nd 1845.

The Society met, the President in the chair and was opened with prayer by Mr Isiles.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read and approved

Messrs. Wells, Forest, F. T. Brown, Hughes, Murphy, Rogers, Hansell, Williams, Little, Bush, Robertson and Harrison were proposed and elected members of the Society

The Corresponding Secretary, and the Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions, reported no letters written, and none received

Mr Depue from the Committee on Foreign Missions read their ten minutes report which on motion was accepted.

The Committees on Domestic Missions, and on Sailors, Soldiers and Africans failed to present their ten minutes reports.

Mr Potter from the Committee on Public Morals Romish Church and Infidelity presented their ten minutes report, which on motion was accepted.

Messrs Wardman, Harrison and Perkins, read the Annual Report of the Committee on Bible and Tract

Societies and Religious Education, which was accepted.

Mr McCoy offered his resignation as member of the Society which was accepted.

Messrs. Wain, Johnson and Mitchell were appointed a committee to prepare an obituary of the late John Taylor.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Lacy.

Addison V. C. Schenck Rec. Sec.

Oratory 2 o'clock P. M. Nov 6. 1845

The Society convened, the President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Cattell.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Society were read and accepted.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Managers were read and approved.

Messrs. S. F. Miller, Walker, and Lapsley were proposed and accepted as members of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary reported no letters received since the last meeting of the Society.

Mr Woods from the Committee on Foreign Missions presented their annual essay.

Mr Young from the Committee on Domestic Missions read their ten minutes report which was accepted.

The Society then united in singing the 552d Hymn.

Mr Depue from the Committee on Sailors, Soldiers and Africans read their ten minutes report which was accepted.

Messrs Goodman, Leeley, and Todd were appointed to prepare an obituary of the late W. W. Goldsmith.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Forman.

Addison V. C. Schenck Rec. Sec.

Oratory 2 o'clock P. M. Dec 4th 1845.

The Society convened, the President in the chair and was opened with prayer by Mr Farquhar.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Society were read and accepted.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Managers

were read. Mr Farquhar appealed from that decision of the Board by which it is resolved that the Society take Littell's Living Age in the place of the Edinburgh and Foreigner Quarterly Magazines. The appeal was not sustained. — Mr Bailey appealed from that decision of the Board by which it is resolved that we take the Courier and Enquirer and continue the Evening Post. The appeal was not sustained. On motion the minutes of the Board were approved.

Mr Sillman was proposed and elected a member of the Society.

The Committee on Foreign Missions failed to present their ten minutes report

Mr Johnson from the committee on Domestic Missions and Revivals read that part of their annual report which relates to Domestic Missions; Mr Barnard read that part which relates to Revivals. The report was on motion accepted.

Mr Harrison from the committee on Bible and Tract Societies and religious education read their ten minutes report which was accepted.

The Society then united in singing the 556 Hymn.

The committees, on "Sailors Soldiers and Africans," and on Public Morals, Romish Church, and Infidelity were called upon, but failed, to present their ten minutes reports.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Ells

William W. Scudder. Sec.ᵗ pro, tem.

Oratory 2 o'clock P. M. Jan. 1ˢᵗ 1846

The Society convened, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Mattoon, the Vice President in the chair

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Society were read and accepted.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Managers were read and and approved

Each of the committees failed to present their monthly reports.

The Society then united in singing the 556. Hymn

Mr Lacy from the committee on Sailors. Soldiers and Africans, read their Annual Report which on motion was accepted.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Buchanan.

Addison V. C. Schenck Rec. Sec.

Society of Inquiry

Feby. 5th 1845. 2 oc. P. M.

The Society convened, the President in the chair. and was opened with prayer by Mr. Wayne.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Society were read and accepted.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Managers, were read and approved.

Messrs. Dunn and Littlejohn were proposed and elected members of the Society

The Corresponding Secretary read letters from Hamilton Institution, Hamilton N.Y. and from the New College Missionary Association, Edinburgh, Scotland.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Domestic Missions read a letter from Rev. A.D. White Lagrange Co. Indiana.

The Committees on Foreign Missions, and on Bibles, Tracts and Religious Education failed to present their monthly reports.

The Committee on Sailors, Soldiers and Africans also failed to present their monthly report, on account (as was stated by their chairman) of the absence of the person appointed to prepare it.

Mr Dalton from the Committee on Domestic Missions read their annual essay.

The Society then united in singing the 562 Hymn.

Mr. Lane from the Committee on Public Morals Romish Church and Infidelity read their monthly report.

A series of Resolutions were presented, which by the permission of the Society were withdrawn.

Messrs. Buchanan and Scott, severally resigned their appointments as Essayist, and Alternate Essayist of the Society of Inquiry, which on motion were accepted.

An election was entered into to fill these vacancies, which resulted in the choice of Mr. Scott as Essayist, and Mr. Goodman his Alternate.

Messrs. Goodman, Alexander, and Duffield were appointed a Committee to prepare an obituary of the late Albert B. Dod D. D.

Messrs. Wright, F. T. Brown and Bush were

appointed a Committee to prepare an obituary of the late Benjamin Mc Clure.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Wright.

Addison M. L. Schenck Rec. Sec.

Society of Inquiry

March 5. 1846 2 o'clock P.M.

The Society convened the Vice President in the Chair and was opened with Prayer by Mr Wm A. Scott.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Managers were read and approved.

Mr H. M. Wilson was proposed and elected a Member of the Society.

Mr Barnard the Cor. Sec. of the Society read a letter from the Society of Inquiry of the Theological Seminary at Columbia S. C.

Mr Forman for the Cor. Sec. of the Committee on Foreign Missions read a letter from the Rev. M. L. Culbertson a Missionary in China.

Mr Forman presented the ten Minutes Report from the Committee on Foreign Missions which was accepted.

The Society then united in Singing the 117 Psalm 2d pt. Mr Robertson from the Com. on Domestic Missions presented their monthly report which was accepted.

The Monthly Report of the Committee on Bibles Tracts and Religious Education was presented by Mr Shiland which was Accepted.

The Chairman of the Com. on Sailors Soldiers and Africans stated that they again failed to report and stated the reasons.

Mr Walker from the Committee on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity presented the Annual Report in behalf of that Committee. It was moved that the Report be received. As an amendment to the Motion it was moved that the Report be recommitted to the Committee on Public Morals Romish Church and Infidelity to be reported at a future time in a form for preservation according to the 15 Art of Constitution and the 8th Sec of the 3 Art. of the By Laws. The Amendment was lost and the Report was accepted.

Mr Goodman read an obituary of Mr W. H. Goldsmith - which was accepted -

Mr Wright read an obituary of Mr Benj. McClure which was accepted -

Mr Wayne from the Com. apointed to prepare an obituary of Mr John Taylor reported progress and the Committee was Continued -

The Society adjourned with prayer by Mr Niles -

P. D. Gorne
Sec. Pro. Temp.

Soc of Inquiry
Two o'clock April 2nd 1846

The Soc. convened,

The Vice Pres. being in the Chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr A. J. Graham.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Soc. were read & accepted,

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Managers were read & approved.

The 1st Asst. Sec. of the com. on Foreign Missions, read two letters, one from Rev. A. W. Loomis of China, & one from Rev. M. S. Culbertson of China

The Monthly Report of the Com. on Foreign Miss. was read by Mr Baldwin, which report was accepted.

The Soc. then united in singing the 550 hymn.

The Monthly report of the Com. on Domestic Miss. was read by Mr A. J. Graham. The report was accepted,

The Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education failed to present their Monthly Report.

The Annual Report of the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans being called for. The division of the report relating to Sailors, was read by Littlejohn, Mr
2d
His report was accepted

The division of the report relating to Soldiers

Africans was read by Bro Wright. This report was adopted by the Soc. with the following resolution Resolved, That in adopting this report the Society express no opinion on the subject of slavery in the abstract, & That this resolution be appended to the report".

The Com. failed to present the department of the report relating to Soldiers.

The Monthly report from the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church, and Infidelity, was read by Bro Wells. The Report was accepted.

There being no more business the Soc. adjourned with prayer by Bro Bond

Henry L. Johnson, Sec. pro. tem

Oratory 11 Oclock, A.M. May 7. 1846

The Society met, the Vice President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr McPheeters. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The minutes of the Board of Managers were read. An appeal was made from that part of the proceedings of the Board of Managers which related to the discrepancy between the accounts of the Standing Committee and the books of the Treasurer. The appeal was not sustained, and the minutes of the Board were approved. The Society then went into the election of officers, and an Orator and Essayist for the next year, which resulted as follows:-

For President was elected Mr Gosman.
" Vice President " " " Dalton.

On motion the Society proceeded to the election of Orator and Essayist, which —

resulted as follows:

For Orator Mr Littlejohn.
Alternate " Prall.
For Essayist " Shields
Alternate " Bannard.

The Society then adjourned to meet at 1½ Oclock P.M. Prayer by Mr Todd.

James Park, Jr. Sec. P.T.

Oratory 1½ Oclock P.M.
May 7th 1846.

The Society met, Vice President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Dalton. The Society proceeded with the elections.

For Recording Sec.		Mr Johnson	
" Corresponding	"	"	Wight.
" 1st Assistant	Do.	"	Reid
" 2nd Do.	Do.	"	Rankin.
" Treasurer		"	Baldwin
" Librarian		"	Davis
" Keeper of the Cabinet		"	Cattel
" Chairman of Stand. Com		"	Ryerson
" 1st Assistant		"	Lee
" 2nd Do.		"	Ballentine

On motion a Committee was appointed to nominate Essayists for the Monthly Concerts of the next Session. Messrs Gosman, Alexander and Littlejohn were appointed such committee.

The Society then proceeded to the transaction of its ordinary business.

The following gentlemen were proposed and elected members of the Society, namely Messrs Erskine, Ribeldaffer, Paxton, Crawford and Glenn.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters from the Society of Inquiry of the Theol. Sem., at Alleghany-town, Pa., and from Soc of Inq. of Union Theol. Sem. New-York

The Cor. Sec. of the Committee on Foreign Missions read letters from Rev J. W. Miller of Houston, Texas, and Rev J. M. Connelly, Western Africa.

The Society then united in singing the 56th Hymn.

The annual Report of the Com. on Foreign Missions was read by Mr Shields, and was accepted.
The monthly Report from the Com. on Domestic Missions was read and accepted
The monthly Report of the Com. on Sailors Soldiers and Africans was read and accepted.
The Committee on Bibles Tracts and Religious Education failed to present their monthly report.
The monthly Report from the committee on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity was read and accepted.
The Committee appointed to nominate essayists for the Monthly Concerts of the next session, reported the following nominations, viz:

Messrs Breed, Huntington, Manley, Mann, Cattell, Davis, Niles, Wright and Dunn.

The Society then adjourned with prayer by Mr Forman.

James Park, jr.
Sec. P. S.

Annual Meeting
Chapel May 14th 1846

Soc. convened,
And was opened with prayer by Rev Mr. ——
An Essay entitled "The relation of the Anglo Protestant race to Christianity" was read by Mr Wm M. Scott.
An oration upon the Necessity of an earnest and immediate conviction of the truth to the universal spread of the Gospel was delivered by Mr Gosman.
The musical exercises were conducted by the choir of the Seminary, superintended by Mr R. G. Williams.
Prayer was then offered by Rev Mr Potts. The benediction was pronounced and the meeting adjourned.

A. P. Johnson Sec. P. Soc.

Oratory. 2 o'clock p. m. Sep 3rd 1846

Soc. convened.

The President in the chair and was opened with prayer by Mr. Manly. The minutes of the last meeting of the Soc. were read and accepted. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read. An appeal was made from that section of them relating to the removal of the cuts of the human stomach from the ceiling of the Reading Room. The appeal was not sustained, and the minutes were approved. * see below

The Cor. Sec. of the Soc. read a letter from the Theological Sem. at New Albany Ind. one from Madison University Hamilton N.Y. one from the Theol. Sem. at Basil Europe, and one from the Theol. School at Geneva Europe

The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on For. Missions. reads a letter from the Rev S. Owen of Allahabad India. He stated that he had rec'd. a circular from Rev. W. M. Lowrie of Ningpo China. wh. he would place upon the table in the Reading Room for the perusal of the students

*. The following gentlemen were proposed and elected members of the Soc. of Inq. see Register of Sep 3rd 46

The Soc. then united in singing the 565th hymn.

The Committees on For. Miss. on Dom. Miss. on Bibles Tracts & Religious Education. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans. severally failed to present their Monthly Reports.

The Annual Essay from the Com. on Public Morals. Rom. Church. & Infidelity was read by Mr. Reid, and accepted

Mr Shinn offered his resignation as a member of the Soc. His resignation was accepted.

On motion the Soc. adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. H. Brown.

Henry P. Johnson. Sec.

Oratory Oct 1st 2. p m. 1846

Soc. Convened,

The President being in the Chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr Rankin. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Soc. were read and accepted. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board, were read & approved The following Gentlemen were proposed & elected members of the Soc. See Register for Oct 1.

The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Domestic Miss. read a letter from Mr John H. Rice, of New Orleans.

The Com. on For. Missions failed to present their 10 minutes reports.

The Report from the Com. on Dom. Miss. was read by Mr Wayne, and was accepted

The Soc. then united in singing the 553. Hymn.

The Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans, failed to present their 10 minutes report

The 10 minutes Report from the Com. on Public Morals Rom. Church and Infidelity was read by Mr I.S. Brown. On motion the Report was accepted.

That part of the Annual Report from the Com. on Bible Tracts & Religious, relating to the Bible Cause ~~was~~ prepared by Mr Dunn was read by Mr Hansell

That part relating to Tracts was read by Mr Rankin

That part relating to religious education was not presented. The Essays presented were on motion accepted.

Mr Valentine offered the resignation of his membership of the Soc. wh. resig. was accepted.

The Soc. then adjourned with prayer by Rev S. Miller Jun.

H. P. Johnson Sec.

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M. Nov 5th 1846

The Soc. convened.

The President being in the chair & was opened with prayer by Mr Hansell. The minutes of the last meeting of the Soc. were read & accepted The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read. An appeal was made from the section containing an account of the proceeding of the Board in regard to the Louisville Journal. This repeal was not sustained & on motion the minutes were approved. The following gentlemen were proposed & chosen members of the Soc. See Register for Nov 5.

The 10 minute report from the Com. on Domestic Missions, was read by Mr Bugh, and was accepted. The Com. on Bibles, Tracts, & Religious education failed to present their 10 minutes Report.

The Soc. then sang the 557 Hymn

The 10 min. Report from the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans, was read by Mr Manly, On motion this Report was accepted.

The Report of the Com on Pub. Mor. Rom. Ch. & Infidelity, was not presented.

The Annual Essay from the Com. on For. Missions was read by Mr Rankin

The resignation of Mr Gregory's membership of the Soc. was offered and was accepted

Messrs Bannard. Robertson & Harrison were appointed a committee to prepare an obituary of Mr Giles.

No more business Soc. adjourned with prayer by Mr Huntington.

H. P. Johnson, Sec,

Oratory 2 o'clock. p. M. Dec 3: 1846

Soc. convened,

The Vice-president bring in the chair & was opened with prayer by Mr Forman. The Minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted. The Min. of the last meeting of the Board were read & approved.
The following gentlemen were proposed & elected members of the Society. See Register Dec 3. The Cor. Sec. read a letter from the students of Belfast College Ireland,
The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Dom. Miss. read a letter from Rev P. D. Young of Galena, Illinois.
The Com. on For. Miss failed to present their Monthly report. The Soc. then sung the 560. Hymn.
Mr Emerson read the Annual report of the Com. on Domestic Missions. On motion this report was accepted. The Com's on Bibles, Tracts, & Religious Education, on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans, & on Pub. Morals. Romish ch. & Infidelity, severally failed to present their Monthly Reports.

Soc. then adjourned with prayer by Mr Bailey

H. P. Johnson Sec.

Oratory. 2. o'clock. Jan 7th 1847

Soc. conv.

The President in the chair & was opened with prayer by Mr Breck. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Soc. were read & accepted. The Min. of the called meeting & of the last regular meeting of the Board were read & approved. An obituary notice of Mr Giles, was read by Mr Robertson. On motion the obituary was accepted
The monthly report of the Com. on Domestic Missions was read by Mr I. R. Davis & was accepted
Hymn 561 was then sung.
The Com. on For. Miss. & on Public Morals. Rom. Ch. & Infidelity. failed to present their Monthly reports,
The Com. on Sailors. Soldiers & Africans did not present Their Annual Report. On motion a Monthly report was read in stead of it, & was accepted.

The Rev Mr Shuck Missionary of China made an address to the Soc. A native Chinese a Christian preacher accompanying Mr S. followed him in a few remarks in his own language & Mr S. translated

The Soc. adjourned with prayer by Rev. Mr Shuck & Mr Ying Seen Sang.

Henry P. Johnson Sec.

Oratory 2 o'clock p. M. Feb 4 - 47

Soc. convened,

The President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr Hughes. The minutes of the last meeting of the Soc. were read & accepted. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read & approved.

The Cor. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Miss. read a letter from Rev. Mr Cochran of Missouri, & one from Rev. Mr Miller of Houston, Texas.

The Monthly report from the Com. on For. Miss. was read by Mr Ryerson & on motion was accepted.

The Soc then sung 67 Psalm,

The Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education, failed to present their 10 minutes report.

Mr Porter, read the Monthly report from the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans. This report was accepted.

The Monthly report from the Com. on Pub. Morals, Rom. Ch. & Infidelity was read by Mr Craven. On motion this report was accepted.

The Annual Essay from the Com. on Dom. Miss. was read by Mr A. I. Graham.

The following motion was offered, to be recorded on the minutes of the Soc. "That the Soc. in voting to accept reports from the Com's, be understood as voting to accept the performance of the duty, without reference to any speculations advanced in the report." On motion this was laid on the table.

One person was elected a member of Soc. For Rec. Feb. 4. 47.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Rankin

H. P. Johnson Sec,

Oratory 2 o'clock p. m. Mar 4th 47

Soc. convened,

The President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr. Woods. The minutes of the last meeting of the Soc. were read, & accepted. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, were read. An appeal was made from the decision of them, containing the resolution relating to the plates of the human stomach. A motion was made & carried, that on taking the vote, in regard to the appeal the Ayes & Noes be recorded. The Appeal was sustained

Ayes. Dr. Pen. Bannard. Dinsmore, Craven. Brown. Lee, Shiland, Carroll. Breed. Brugh, Robertson, L. A. Lowry, Little. Bush, Harbison, Sillyman. Riheldaffer. Paxton, Phillips. Cheek. Dickson, W. A. Kirk, Waldron, J. L. King, H. Reeves. Darling. Conover. R. Reeves. Jones. Mackey, Wentworth,

Noes. Woods. Alexander, Mc Kelvey. Harrison, Baldwin, Pratt. I. E. Miller, Huntington, Wight. A. Reid. A. J. Graham, Manly, Hansel. M. Williams. Dunn. Erskine, Emerson

The motion to approve the minutes was then carried.

One person was elected member of Soc. see Reg. Mar 4.

The Cor. Sec. read a letter from Mr. Colton. of Yale College

An obituary of Mr John Taylor was read by Mr Payne

On motion it was accepted.

Mr M. D. Williams read the monthly report from the Com. on For. Missions. The report was accepted—

Hymn 554 was then sung.

The 10 minutes report from the Com. on Dom. Miss. was read by Mr Cheek. The report was accepted.

The Com. on Bibs. Tracts & Relig. Ed. failed to present their 10 minutes report.

Mr Pratt read the monthly report from the Com. on Sail-ors. Soldiers & Africans. The report was accepted.

X The part of the Annual Report from the Com. on Pub. Morals. Rom. Ch. & Infidelity, relating to Rom. Ch. was read by Mr Conover, the part relating to Infidelity, by Mr Mum-phy. That touching Pub. Morals was not presented. On motion the report was accepted.

X The President being obliged to leave, the Vice President took the chair.

There being no more business the Soc. adjourned with prayer by Mr. T. Dinsmore

Henry P. Johnson Sec.

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M.

April 1. 1847.

Society met. President in chair. & was opened with prayer by Mr. Baldwin. Minutes of the last meeting of Soc. were read & accepted. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read. An appeal was made from that decision of the Board, which was past on the proposition relating to monthly reports. The appeal was not sustained. On motion, the minutes of the Board were approved. —

The corresponding Sec. of Soc. read two letters. — from the corresponding Secretaries of West. Theo. Sem. and Lane Seminary. —

Cor. Sec. of Com. on Domestic Missions read a letter from Mr. Frazier. Wisconsin. — also one from Mr. Foot. Wisconsin. — The Sec. also read some paragraphs of a private letter from a friend in Iowa. —

The Soc. then united in singing the 2d. part of 98 ps. —

Com. on For. Missions presented their 10 min. R. which was accepted — Com. on Dom. Missions presented their 10 m. report which in motion was accepted. — Com. on Public Morals, Rom. ch. & Infidelity failed to report — Com. on Bible & Tract Soc.s & Rel. Education then presented their 10 m. Report. which was accepted. —

Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans presented their annual report on "Sailors", which on motion was accepted. also on "Africans". — which was likewise accepted.

Messrs. Rankin, Bush & R. P. Lowrie were

appointed to prepare an obituary of Rev. Dr. Armstrong –

There being no more business, the Society adjourned with prayer by Mr. Jones. –

C. C. Baldwin,
Sec. pro tem.

Oratory 11 o. clock A. M
Thursday May 6th 1847.

Society met – President in the Chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Mann. The Minutes of the last meeting of Society were read, and accepted. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read, and approved.

The Society then proceeded to the election of Officers, for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of

Mr Wright for President
" Craven " V. President
" H. Reeves " Rec. Sec.
" R. P. Sowrie " Cor. Sec.
" Tappan " 1st Ass.
" Baldron " 2nd Ass.
" Kirk " Treasurer
" Evans " Librarian
" Emmerson " Keeper of Cabinet.
Messrs Blain, Robertson, H. M Wilson " Standing Committee.

The Election of the Annual Orator, and Essayist with their alternates, then came on, which resulted in the choice of

Thomas Smith Jr. Orator
R. P. Sowrie. Alternate
R. P. Mum Essayist.
I. K Wright Alternate.

On motion the Society adjourned to meet at 2 o. clock – Closed with prayer by Mr I. B. Davis.

A. D. Mitchell
Rec. Sec. pro. tem.

May 5: 1847

Oratory. 2 o'clock. P.M.

The Socity met. President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Bannard. The minutes of the last ~~mtg~~ meeting were read and accepted. The corresponding Sec. read a letter from the Union Theo. Sem. N.Y. — also one from Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Honolulu, Sandwich Isl: — Bro. Rankin read an obituary of Rev. Wm. J. Armstrong, D.D. Sec. of the Am. Board of Missions.

The Committee on Domestic Missions presented their tri minutes' report, which, on motion, was accepted. The Socity then sang part of the 137 psalm.

The Comm. on Bibles, Tracts and Rel. Education presented their tri minutes' report, which was accepted.

The Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans failed to report.

The Com. on Public Morals, Rom. church & Infidelity presented their tri minutes' report on "Rom. church" which was accepted.

The Com. on Foreign Missions presented their annual report, which on motion was accepted.

Mr. Craven read extracts from a letter received from Rev. Mr. Bruce, missionary at Canton, China.

Mr. Kirk, Treasurer of Socirty, offered his resignation, which was accepted. Mr. Brugh was elected to fill his place, by a viva-voce vote, the rule to elect by ballot having been suspended for that purpose.

A comm. appointed during the meeting of Soc. (and consisting of Messrs. Wright, Cheek & Emerson) to nominate monthly essayists for next session, offered the following. Messrs. Cheek, Craven, Emerson, Conover, Gardiner, Miles, Paxton, & Reid, Waldron. These nominations were confirmed by Socirty.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Reed.

C. C. Baldwin,
Sec. pro tem.

Annual Meeting.

Chapel, May 13th 1847.

The Society convened, and was opened with prayer by Rev Dr Snodgrass.

An Essay on "the Philosophy and Science of History revealed in the Bible" was read by Mr Charles W Shields.

An Oration on "Christian Heroism" was delivered by Mr John W Pratt.

The musical exercises were conducted by the Choir of the Seminary under the superintendence of Mr R. G. Williams.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev Dr Murray.

The benediction was pronounced, and the Society adjourned.

Henry Reeves
Sec. Pro. Tem.

Oratory, 2 o-clock.

Sept 2nd 1847

The Soc. convened, the President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Bro. Craven.

The minutes of the last regular & adjourned meetings, also of the Annual meeting, were read & accepted.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Managers were read and ~~accepted~~ approved.

The following members of the Seminary were proposed & elected members of the Society:

Mr Shive	Mr Kennedy
" G. D. Stewart	" Candor
" Parsons	" Dewing
" Noble	" Ramsay
" Burt	" Booth
" A. Y. Moore	" Knight
" J. R. Graham	" Templeton

Mr W. M. Baker
" Lyle
" Lundy
" J. Moore
" Coe
" Hay
" Simpson

Mr Taylor
" Fletcher
" ~~T. R. Graham~~
" Lyon
" W. King. D.
" Welsh
" Barber
" Paulding

The Corresponding Sec. reported no letters received.

The Cor. Sec. of Com. on Foreign Missions reported no letters received.

The Cor Sec. of Com on Domestic missions reported no letters.

The Com. on Foreign Missions failed to present their ten minutes report

The Com on Dom Missions presented their 10 minutes report through Mr Waldron which was accepted.

The Com on Bible & Tract Societies & Religious Education presented their ten minutes report through Mr Beveridge, which was accepted.

The Society then united in singing the 55th Hymn.

The Com. on Sailors, Soldiers, and Africans presented their ten minutes report through Mr Rikeldaffer, which was accepted.

The Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church, and Infidelity presented their annual essay through Mr H. Reeves.

Mr Murphy presented his resignation as member of the Society, which was accepted.

A Committee to prepare an obituary of James Merrill, deceased '47 - a graduate of Union College, 1843, the Pres. appointed Messrs Hansell, Niles, & Robertson.

- - Elias Hearon, dec '47, - graduated at E. Tenn. University '44, Messrs Silliman, Wayne, & Cheek.

- - Henry P. Johnson, dec '47, graduate of Nassau Hall, '41 Messrs F. L. King, H. Reeves, & Brugh

The Soc then adjourned with prayer by Bro. Emerson.

H. Reeves, Sec

Oratory, 2 O-clock, Oct 7th '47

The Society met, and was opened with prayer by Bro. Robertson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The minutes of the Special & regular meetings of the Board of Managers were read. An appeal was made from that portion of them which relates to the removal of the cuts in the Reading Room. The Society heard the appellant and the advocate of the Board; when the following was offered:

Resolved: That the 18th Section of the 9th Article of the By-Laws be suspended for one-half hour; which was lost.

The question then came up upon sustaining the appeal, which was lost.

The minutes of the Board were then approved.

The following persons were proposed and elected members of the Society of Inquiry:

Messrs	Vandewater	J. MacNeal
	Christopher	G. MacNeal
	Garthwaite	Barr
	Merrell	Simonton
	Loomis	Tully
	Root	Bishop

The Cor. Sec. reported 2 letters received.

Mr Hansell read an obituary notice of James Merrill, dec, which was accepted.

The Society then joined in singing the 624th Hymn.

The Com. on Foreign Missions failed to present their 10 minute report.

The Com. on Domestic Missions and Revivals presented their 10 minutes Report through Bro McNair, which was accepted.

Bro. Robertson read the 10 minutes report of the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers, and Africans, which was accepted.

Bro Reid read the 10 minutes report of the Com on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity; — accepted.

The Annual Report of the Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education was read by Bros Darling and Gardiner.

The following members upon resolution were permitted to withdraw from the Society, Messrs Wayne, Braddner, R. Reed, Erskine.

The Society then adjourned with prayer by Bro. Silliman.

A. Reed S. Secy

Oratory, 2 O-clock P.M.
Nov 4th 1847

The Society met, & was opened with prayer by Mr Kirk. The Minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Managers were read and approved.

The following brethren were proposed and elected members of the Society:

S. T. Brown	D. Baker
Knapp	Valentine
C. A. Miller	Allen

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from the Society of Inquiry of Union Theol. Seminary, N. York

The 10 minutes report from the Com. on Domestic Missions & Revivals was presented by Mr Knight, & accepted.

The 10 minutes report on Bibles, Tracts & Rel Education was presented by Bro Booth, & accepted.

The Society then united in singing the 560th Hymn.

The 10 minutes report on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans was read by Bro Shive & accepted.

The 10 minutes report from the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity was read by Bro Osmond, and accepted.

The annual Essay from the Com. on Foreign Missions was read by Mr Wood.

On motion the section of the By-laws calling for the reading of the Constitution was suspended.

To prepare an obituary notice of Bro. N. Merritt Owen, deceased, the President appointed Messrs Cattell, Craven & A. Reid.

On motion the Soc. adjourned, & the meeting was closed with prayer by Bro Conover.

Henry Reeves
Rec. Sec.

Special Meeting.

Oratory 1½ O-clock P.M.
Nov 17th 1847

The Society met to take into consideration the removal of their [illegible] rooms.
Opened with prayer by Mr Beckman.
The President then stated the object of the meeting, when it was
Resolved: that the Society's rooms, to wit, the Reading Room & Cabinet, be removed to the Room heretofore occupied as the Refectory. (Carried.)

On motion a committee was appointed

to carry into effect the above resolution consisting of Messrs Brown, Pratt, Paxton, J. P. Moore, J. R. Graham, Candor, the Chairman of the Standing Com. the Librarian, & the Keeper of the Cabinet.

An appeal was made from the decision of the Chair declaring the appointment of a committee for the above purpose by the Soc. of Inquiry, in order, which appeal was lost.

The Society then adjourned.

J. H. Reeves, Rec. Sec.

Oratory, 2 o'clock P.M.
Dec 2d 1847

The Society convened, the President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Kirk. The Minutes of the last regular & special meetings of the Soc. were read and accepted. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read & approved.

In accordance with a resolution of the Board at its last meeting, the President stated to the Society the rule and the penalty in regard to the removal of pamphlets from the reading room.

The following brethren were proposed and elected members of the Society.

Simonton, Logan, Harris, Shannon, Cochran,

The Cor. Sec. read a letter from the Soc. of Inq. of Allegheny Seminary.

The Cor. Sec. of the Com on Foreign Missions being absent, Mr Lowrie read a letter from Rev. W. W. Scudder, missionary at Batticotta, Ceylon.

An obituary of Bro Elias Searon was read by Mr Dillman, and was accepted.

The 10 minutes Report from the Com on

Foreign Missions was read by Mr Barbour, & on motion was accepted.

The Society then united in singing the 72 Psalm 2nd Part.

The 10 minutes Report from the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church, & Infidelity was presented by Mr Parsons, & accepted.

The 10 minutes Report from the Com on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans was presented by Mr Tully, and accepted.

The 10 minutes Report from the Com on Bibles, Tracts, & Rel. Education was presented by Mr Coe, and accepted.

The Com. on Domestic Missions & Revivals failed to present their Annual Report.

To prepare an obituary of Mr McCreigh, the President appointed Messrs Craven, Blain, & Gourie.

On motion the Society adjourned, & was closed with prayer by Mr Parsons.

Henry Reeves,
Rec. Sec.

Oratory, 2 o'clock P. M.
Jan 6th 1848.

The Society met, the Pres't in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Macnair.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Soc were read and accepted.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Managers were read & approved.

Mr Orbison was proposed & received as a member of the Society.

The Cor. Sec. read a letter from the Rev H. A. Brown, missionary at Amoy, China.

The Cor. Sec. of the Com on Domestic

Missions read a letter from the Rev Joshua Green, Arkansas.

The Society then sang the 563d Hymn.

The 10 minutes Report from the Com. on Foreign Missions was read by Mr Bishop, & accepted.

The Com's on Domestic Missions, on Public Morals, R.C. Church & Infidelity, and on Bibles, Tracts, & Rel Education, failed to present their 10 minutes Reports.

The Com on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans failed to present their annual essay.

To prepare an obituary notice of Rev Norris Bull, D.D. the Pres't appointed Messrs Knapp, Lee, & Root.

To prepare an obituary notice of Rev Walter M Lowrie, late missionary of the Pres. Board at Ningpo, China, the Pres't appointed Messrs R.P. Lowrie, Brown, and Dunn.

On motion the Society adjourned, & the meeting was closed with prayer by Mr Jones.

Henry Reeves,
Rec. Sec.

Oratory, 2 o-clock
Feb 3d 1848.

The Society convened, the President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Emerson.

The minutes were read and accepted.

The minutes of the Board of Managers were read and approved.

Messrs Smith & Colmery were proposed and received as members of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Com. on Foreign Missions read a letter from the Rev Mr Lloyd, missionary at Amoy, China.

The 10 Minutes' Report from the Com. on Foreign Missions was presented by Mr Coe, and on motion accepted.

The Society then united in singing the 194th Hymn, commencing with the words "Come every pious heart, -- That loves the Savior's name;"

The 10 minutes' report from the Com on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity was presented by Mr Ramsay, & accepted.

The 10 minutes report from the Com on Bibles, Tracts, & Religious Education was read by Mr Conover and accepted.

The Com on Sailors, Soldiers, & Africans failed to present their 10 minutes Report.

The annual essay from the Com on Domestic Missions was read by Mr Waldron.

The President announced the resignation of Mr Dunn as annual Essayist of the Society of Inquiry for the current year, & stated the reasons which rendered the resignation necessary; whereupon it was Resolved: That Mr Dunn's resignation be accepted; which was carried unanimously.

Mr Wright presented his resignation as alternate Essayist, which was unanimously accepted.

The Society then ~~went~~ proceeded to the election of Essayist and Alternate Essayist for the current year, which resulted in the choice of

Mr Paxton -- Essayist

Mr Craven -- Alternate.

The report of the Standing Com. was called for. The Pres decided that a report from the St. Com to the Soc. of Inq. was not in order. From this decision of the Pres an appeal was taken, which appeal was not sustained.

The Society then adj, -- and the meeting was closed with prayer by Mr Heckman.

Henry Reeves
Rec. Sec.

Oratory 2 oclock P.M.
March 2nd 1848

The Society convened, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer by Mr Hansell. The minutes of the last meeting of the Society were read and accepted. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were then submitted. ~~and approved.~~ Mr Conover appealed from that ~~portion~~ action of the minutes of the Board which related to the Report of the Chairman of the Standing Com., which appeal was afterwards withdrawn.

Mr J. C. King presented an obituary of Henry P. Johnson, deceased, which was accepted, and recommitted for transcription.

The Committees on Foreign & Domestic Missions failed to present their 10. m. reports.

The 10 minutes Report from the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers, & Africans, was presented by Mr Cheek, and on motion accepted.

The 10 minutes Report from the Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Rel. Education was presented by Mr Dewing, and on motion accepted.

The Society then united in singing the 2nd Part of the 110th Psalm, commencing with "Jesus, our Lord, ascend thy throne".

The Annual Report of the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity was presented, as follows: Public Morals, W. Baker, — Infidelity, Mr Brown, — and in the absence of the report on the Romish Church, the Committee authorised Mr Osmond to read a letter received by the Committee from the Rev. N. L. Rice, of Cincinnati. The Report was accepted.

The Report of the committee for fitting up the Reading Room was submitted by the Chairman, and after some discussion was withdrawn.

Mr Robertson offered the following resolution.

Whereas, Mr Frederick T. Brown, a member of this Society, has without authority caused to be removed from the Reading Room, eight plates representing the effects of Intemperance upon the human stomach, and refuses to restore the same at the request of the Society, therefore:

* Resolved, that the said Frederick T Brown be suspended from this Society until the above mentioned plates shall have been restored.

~~During the discussion of this resolution, a motion for adjournment was made and lost.~~ On motion, the ayes and noes were taken on the above resolution, which were as follows:

Ayes, Messrs Jones, Dobb, Shannon, Tully, Robertson, Lyon, Barbour, J. Graham, Booth, Hay, Dickson, C. Emery, W. Simonton, Templeton, Ramsey, Harris, Phillips, McNair, Beveridge, Merrill, A. J. Graham, Loomis, Conover, Dewing, Blair, Emerson. — 26

Noes, Messrs Cheek, Welsh, Lyle, Davis, Fletcher, Coe, Valentine, Pratt, H. Reeves. — 9

A motion for adjournment was made & lost. Mr Pratt then submitted the following resolution:

Resolved: that my resignation as a member of this Society be accepted.

The Pres[t] having declared this resolution in order, an appeal was taken from his decision, which appeal was sustained.

On motion the Society adjourned, and the meeting was closed with prayer by Mr Conover.

Henry Reeves, Rec Sec.

* Removed Oct 1st 1859

Oratory, 2 o-clock, P.M. April 6th 1848

The Society convened, and was called to order by the President. Prayer by the President.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Society were read and accepted.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read. Mr Robertson appealed from that section of them relating to the Resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate the Books of the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans. The arguments of the Appellant & of the Advocate of the Board having been submitted, the question came up on Mr Robertson's appeal, which was lost.

The Minutes of the Board were then approved.

The Cor. Sec. read a letter from the Students of the Theological School at Geneva.

The Cor. Sec. of the Com on Foreign Missions read a letter from the Rev Mr Brown Missionary at Amoy, China.

Mr Knapp presented an Obituary of the late Norris Bull, D.D., which was accepted, and recommitted for transcription.

The Society then united in singing the 492d Hymn, commencing "Daughter of Sion, from the dust Exalt thy fallen head."

The 10 m. Report from the Com. on Foreign Missions was presented by Mr Dewing, and accepted.

The 10 m. Report from the Com. on Domestic Missions was presented by Mr Valentine and accepted.

The 10 m Report from the Com. on Bibles, Tracts, & Rel. Education was presented by Mr Davis, & accepted.

The 10 m. Report from the Com on Public Morals, Romish Ch. & Infidelity

was presented by H. Reeves, & accepted.

The Annual Report from the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans was presented as follows: Sailors, Mr Jones. Africans, Mr Lowrie.

Mr Conover submitted the Report of the Com. on the new Reading Room, when it was Resolved:

That the Committee for furnishing the New Reading Room be discharged, and their report submitted to the Board of Managers. (Carried.)

Mr Lowrie presented the following Resolutions

Whereas, the Faculty of the Seminary, by claiming and taking into their possession the pictures of the human stomach formerly suspended in the Reading Room of the Society of Inquiry, have assumed the right of property in, and authority over them, therefore

1. Resolved, that the claims of the Society of Inquiry be, and they hereby are, waived and resigned; — And therefore

2. Resolved, that the sentence of suspension passed upon Mr F. T. Brown for removing the pictures from the Reading Room be repealed.

A point of order which was here raised on the ground of alleged unconstitutionality was decided by the President who declared the above Resolutions in order.

A division of the Resolutions was called for, whereupon the 1st Resolution was read, submitted to the action of the Society, & carried.

The 2° Resolution was read, & having been declared by the President to be in order, an appeal was taken from the decision of the Chair, which appeal was not sustained.

After considerable discussion the vote was taken upon the Resolution which resulted as follows:

Ayes. Messrs Logan, Conover, Miller, Valentine, Lowrie, Coe, Dewing, Candor, Osbilon, Fletcher, Davis, Waldron, Welsh, H. Reeves, Ramsay. = 15.

Noes. Messrs Knapp, Phillips, Bishop, Darling, Stewart, Reid, Lee, Tully, Graham, Loomis, Emerson, Day, Paxton, Simonton, Templeton, Mc Nair, Robertson, Harris, Colmery, Beveridge, Dickson, Rikeldaffer = 22.

Mr Valentine offered his Resignation as member of the Society, which resignation was accepted.

Mr Robertson offered his Resignation as member of the Society, which was accepted.

On Motion the Society adjourned, & the meeting was closed with prayer by Mr Lee.

Henry Reeves
Secy

Oratory 11 o-clock A.M.
May 4th 1848

The Society met, the President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Miller.

The Society the proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

For President	Mr Lowrie
Vice President	H. Reeves
Recording Secretary	Mackey
Corresponding Secretary	Conover
1st Assistant	D. Baker
2nd assistant	Candor
Treasurer	Coe
Librarian	Ramsey
Keeper of Cabinet	Mc Nair

Standing Committee } Reid
Noble
Lyon.

Orator — Burk
Alternate — Harris
Essayist — Emerson
Alternate — H. Reed

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Colmery

Henry Reed
Rec Secy

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M. May 4th '80

The Society convened, the Pres[t] in the chair, ~~Prayer by~~ and the meeting was opened by prayer.

The minutes of the last regular meeting of the Society were read and accepted. The minutes of the last Special, Regular, and Adjourned meetings of the Board of Managers were read & approved.

The 10 minutes Report from the Com on Domestic Missions was read by Mr Lyon and on motion accepted.

It was then Resolved: that the committee to appoint Essayists for the Monthly concerts next year be now appointed by the Chair. This Resolution was carried, and the President appointed as Committee Messrs Conover, Waldron & Brugh.

The 571st Hymn was then sung: "Now be the Gospel banner In every land unfurled."

Mr Stewarts report from the Com on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity was read by Mr Miller, and accepted.

The 10 minutes report from the Com on Sailors Soldiers & Refugees was not presented.

The 10 minutes Report from the Com

on Bibles Tracts & Rel. Education was presented by Mr Fletcher & accepted

The Annual Report of the Com. on Foreign Missions was read by the Bishop, and accepted.

The Committee to appoint Essayists for the monthly concerts in the ensuing year reported the following:

H. Reves, Burt, Kirk, Tully,
A.G. Moore, Fletcher, Wardlaw
A.G. Graham, Hay.

Mr Gregory was proposed as a member of the Society, and unanimously elected.

The Resignation of Mr Lyle as member of the Society was presented & on motion accepted.

Adjourned with prayer by the President.

H. Reves
Rec. Sec'y

Annual Meeting

Chapel May 11th 1848

The Society convened & was opened with prayer & Mr Johnson.

An Essay was read & Mr Craven on "The Essentially Missionary nature of the Church"

An oration was delivered & Mr Lowrie on "The Romance of Missions"

The Musical exercises were conducted & the Choir of the Seminary under the Superintendence of Mr David King. #

after the benediction was pronounced the Society adjourned

J. L. MacKay Sec.

The closing prayer was offered & Dr Musgrove

Oratory 2 o-clock Sept 7th /44

The Society met - the President in the chair and was opened by prayer - by Mr Coe -

The reg - Sec - being absent - Mr Candor was elected Sec - pro tem -

The minutes of the last Special, regular and annual Meetings were then read & accepted -

The minutes of the last regular Meeting of the Board of Managers was read & approved

The following persons were proposed and elected members of the Society -

Mr Goodhue	Mr Linton
" Warden	" Childs
" Canfield	" Milliken
" Waddard	" Newton
" Farris	" Mc Kinley
" L. Stewart	" Williamson
" J. R. Stewart	" Finley
" Laws	" Beattie
" Rinker	" Littell
" Rittenhouse	" L. Young

The Committee on Foreign Missions failed to present their 10 Minutes report -

The Com - on Domestic Missions failed to present their 10 Minutes report

The Com - on Bibles - Tracts - & Religious Education failed to present their 10 Minutes report

The Com - on Sailors - Soldiers & Africans failed to present their 10 Minutes report -

The Society then Sang the 309th Hymn Com Mencing - "How beauteous are their feet, Who stand on Zion's hill"

The annual Essay from the Com - on Public Morals - Romish Church & Infidelity - was then read by Mr L. D. Stewart & on Motion accepted -

A Motion was made that Mr Rankin of the India Mission be requested to address the Society on Sat evening next in the Oratory - and was accepted - The Pres appointed Messrs Reid - Reeves & Candor - a Committee to inform Mr Rankin of the wish of the Society -

On Motion the Society adjourned and has closed with prayer by Mr Root -

John M. Candor
Sec - pro - tem -

Oratory - 2. o. clock Oct 8th 1848.

The Soc. met - President in the chair - and was opened with prayer by Mr. Kirk.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted

The Minutes of the Board were read and accepted

The following persons were proposed and elected Members of the Society -

Mr Edwards — Mr Morton
" Warden — " Mitchell
" Cooper — " Tully -

The Cor. Sec of the Com. on Foreign Missions read a letter from Mr Lawrie of the Indiana Mission

The ten Minutes report from the Com. of F. Mission was then read by Mr Wood - and accepted

The Com. on Sailors Soldiers & Emigrants presented for their ten Minutes report - a report on floating Libraries - through Mr Jones - which was accepted -

The Soc. then sang the 95 psalm - Commencing "Come sound his praise abroad and hymns of glory sing"

The annual report of the Com. on Bibles - Tracts and religious education was then read - Bibles - by Mr Candor Rel. Education - Mr Shannon - Tracts - Mr Harris - which was accepted -

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. McNeal.

John M. Candor
Rec. Sec

Oratory - 2. o. clock Nov

The Soc - met and, the President in the chair, was opened with prayer by Mr Downing.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted

The Minutes of the Board were read & approved

Mr Annin was proposed and elected a Member of the Society.

The Committee on domestics Missions failed to present their Monthly report

The Committee on Bibles Tracts and Religious

failed to present their Monthly report -
The Committee on Sailors - Soldiers & Africans presented their Monthly report through Mr Graham.
The President decided that this report was not open for discussion or remarks - From this decision Mr. Conover appealed - The Chair was not sustained - The report was accepted.
~~The report not having been read before the Soc.~~
The committee on Public morals - Romish Church & Infidelity failed to present their Monthly report -
The Committee on Foreign Missions presented their annual essay through Mr Shannon. The essay was accepted.
On motion the Soc. adjourned - and was closed with prayer by Mr Simonton.

John M. Candor
Rec. Sec.

Oratory 2. O. clock - Dec 7.
Society met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Childs.
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted - The minutes of the special and regular meetings were read and approved.
Messrs Latourette & Williams were proposed and elected members of this Society.
Letters from Mr Eakins of the Creek Mission and from Mr Scudder of Ceylon were read by the corresponding Sec of the Com. on For. Missions.
The Com. on For. Missions presented their 10 Minutes report through Mr Wardlaw. which was accepted.
The Com. on Bibles, Tracts and religious Education presented a report through Mr Gardiner. which was accepted.
The Soc then united in singing the 98 hymn Commencing, "Dearest of all the names above"
The Com. on Public Morals. Romish Church, Infidelity presented their 10 Minutes report through Mr Baker. which was accepted.
The Com. on Sailors. S. & Africans presented their 10 Minutes report through Mr Hey - and was accepted.

The Com on Domestic Missions on account of the Sickness of their ~~Reporter~~ failed to present their annual ~~[illegible]~~ report.

On Motion the Soc adjourned and was Closed with Prayer by Mr Lewis.

John M Candor
Cor Sec

Oratory 2. O. Clock Jan 4th 49

Society met and was opened with Prayer by Mr Logan. Mr Hey was appointed Sec. Pro Tem. Rec. Sec. being absent.

On Motion the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting of the board were dispensed with.

Minutes of the Soc were read & adopted.

Messrs Stevenson & Byers were elected Members of the Soc.

The Com on H. Missions failed to report.

The Com " D. " presented their report through Mr. Cooper, which was accepted.

The Com on B. S. & Religious Education presented their report through Mr. Davis, which was accepted.

The Soc then Sang the 129 Hymn Commencing "God in the gospel of his Son" etc.

The Com on R. C. Infidelity & P. Morals failed to report.

The Com on S. S. & Schools failed to present their Essay.

On Motion the Soc. adjourned. with prayer by Mr Emerson.

John M Candor
Rec. Sec.

Oratory 2. O. Clock Feb 1st 49

Society met. President in the Chair and was opened with prayer by Mr. Gardiner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the two last meetings of the board were read and approved.

Mr Barnes and Mr Williamson were elected members of the Society.

The Cor. Sec. read a private letter from Mr Eastvaas of Greene Co Illinois.

The Com. on Foreign Missions presented their Report through Mr Shannon, which was accepted.

The Com. on B. F. & Religious Education presented their report through Mr. Littell - which was accepted

The Soc, then united in singing the 194th hymn Commencing - "Come every pious heart"

The Com. on R.C. Infidelity & Public Morals presented their Report through Mr. Bishop - which was accepted -

The Com. on S.S. & Africans failed to report -

The Com. on Domestic Missions presented - by the consent of the Soc. - instead of their regular annual ~~Report~~ Essay - a Monthly report through Mr. Milliken - which was accepted -

Mr. Emerson presented the following resolution, viz

Resolved - That the Sentence of Suspension which, on the Second day of March 1848, was passed upon Mr. Frederick T. Brown, be removed and that Mr. Brown be restored to full Membership in this Society -

Mr. Goodhue Moved - That the following be appended to the resolution - "the Society, by this resolution, expressing no opinion as to its former proceedings in this Matter" which, after some discussion was accepted by Mr. Emerson as an amendment to his resolution - which was then adopted by a vote of 23 in the affirmative and 4 - in the Negative.

On Motion of Mr. Taylor the Sec. was instructed to forward a Copy of this resolution to Mr. Brown -

The Soc. then Adjourned - Mr. Robison opening the Closing prayer -

John K. Candor
Rec. Sec.

Restoration was accepted by Mr. Brown in a letter March 15th 1849 from Dayton Ohio

Oratory 2. O. Clock March 14th 1849.

Society met - President in the Chair and was opened with prayer by Mr. Rinker.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & adopted

The Minutes of the board were read and approved

The Cor. Sec. of the Soc. read a letter from the students of Madison University - Hamilton N. Y.

Also a letter from the Students at Geneva - Switz.

The Com. on For. Missions reported through Mr. Sanderson - which was accepted.

The Com on D. Missions reported through Mr. McNeely

Their report was adopted.

The Soc Then united in singing the 69th hymn Commencing "Lo! what a glorious sight appears
To our believing eyes"

The Com on B. F & Rel Education reported through Mr Logan. The report was adopted.

The Com on S. S & Africans reported through Mr Knight. Their report was adopted -

The Com on R. C. Public Morals & infidelity presented a report through Mr Burt - which was adopted

The Soc Then adjourned - prayer by E. B Davis -

John M. Candor
Rec Sec

Oratory E. O. Clack April 5th 1849

Society Met -

The Pres in the chair and was opened with prayer by Mr Mc Nair -

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted - The minutes of the Board were read and approved

The Sec of the Committee on Domestic Missions read several letters from the western field -

The com on Foreign Missions presented their report through Mr Mitchell - which was adopted -

The com on Domestic Missions presented their report through Mr Littell - which was adopted

The Soc then united in singing the 72 Psalm 1st part - Commencing "Great God whose universal sway
The known & unknown Gods worlds obey"

The com on Bibles - Tracts & Religious Education presented their report through Mr Loomis - Adopted

The com on Public Morals, R. C. & Infidelity presented their report through Mr Candor. Adopted

The com on Sailors, Soldiers & Boatmen presented their annual report, through Mr Noble on Sailors - which was adopted -

The Pres appointed Messrs Robeson, Shannon & Shaw a committee to prepare an obituary of Mr Boyce - late Missionary to China -

On Motion The Soc adjourned. Prayer by Mr Coe

John M Candor
Rec Sec

Oratory 11 O'Clock A.M.

Thursday May 3rd. 1849

Society met, President in the Chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Obison.—
The Society then proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows,

Mr. Burt for President,
" Childs " Vice President
" Mitchell " Rec. Secretary
" Shannon " Cor. Secretary
" Annan " 1st. Assistant
" Edwards " 2nd. Assistant
" Ewing " Treasurer
" Finley " Librarian
" La Fourette " Keeper of Cabinet

Messrs. { Parsons, Millikan, Vannuys } Standing Committee

The election for Annual Orator & Essayist with their Alternates then came on and resulted in favor of

{ Mr. Laws = Orator
{ Mr. Annan = Alternate
{ Mr. Graham = Essayist
{ Mr. Bishop = Alternate

On motion adjourned to meet at 2 O'clock P.M.
Closed with prayer by Mr. Graham

John M. Candor Sec.
Jas. H. Obison pro. tem.

Oratory 2 O'Clock P. M.

Thursday May 3rd. 1849

Society met

The President in the Chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Smith.—

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Society were read and accepted.—

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read and accepted

The Committee on For. Miss. failed to present their monthly Report.—

The Committee on Domestic Missions failed to present their monthly Report.—

An Obituary of the late Rev. John Lloyd A. M. Missionary to Amoy was presented by J. H. Orbison which was accepted and refered to the Standing Committee for transcription in the Obituary Book.—

The Society then united in Singing the 616 Hymn Commencing

"Stoop down my thoughts that used to rise
Converse awhile with death,"

A Committee, Consisting of Messrs. Goodhue, Sanderson and Philips, was then appointed, to report Essayists for the Monthly Concerts, in the ensuing year.—

The Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Education failed to present their monthly Report.—

The Committee on Pub. Mor. Dom. Ch. & Infidelity failed to present their Monthly Report.—

The Committee on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans presented their Monthly Report, through Mr. Logan, which was accepted.—

Mr. Smith then read the Annual Report of the Committee on For. Missions, which was accepted.—

The Committee to appoint & report Essayists for monthly Concerts, reported the following, Messrs. Annan, Condor, King, Orbison, Young, Sands Colmery, Childs, Logan. These were confirmed by Society.—

Messrs. Ripley & Clink were proposed & elected members of the Society.—

Society then adjourned with prayer by Rev. Mr. Lowrie

John M. Condor Sec. Jas. H. Orbison pro. tem.—

Annual Meeting

Chapel May 9th. 1849

The Society convened and was opened with prayer Rev. Beach Lowes. A large assembly was in attendance.- An Essay was read by Mr. H. Reeves, Subject,- "The work of the Church viewed in its connection with the work of Christ."- Mr. Burt being sick the Oration was read by Mr. T. K. Davis. Subject- "The Individualism of Christianity."

The musical exercises were conducted skilfully and satisfactorily by the Hastings Society under the Superintendence of Mr. L. G. Hay.--

After Benediction the Society adjourned.

I. M. Candor. Sec.

J. W. Obrion pro. tem.

Oratory 2 P.M. Sep 6. 1849

Society met-

The President in the chair & was opened with prayer by Mr King.

Minutes The Minutes of the last regular & Annual meetings were read and adopted.

The minutes of the Board of managers were read & adopted.

The minutes of the last annual meeting in the Chapel were called for but were not found in the minute book

For Members The election of new members being in order the following persons were proposed & selected, Messrs Shaw - Armstrong, Culbertson, Wallace, Read, Valentine, Burroughs, Moore, Rankin, Markham, Biggs, Crowell, Botsford, Howell, S. T. Wilson, Rodgers, Tadlock, Painter, McFarland, Caldwell, Overstreet, Morgan, Swan, Welsh Paige Baker Raffensperger Safford, Lepps J. Wall. E. Wall. (Mr Valentine was re-elected)

p of Cor Sec The report of the Corresp Sec was called for, but not presented.

of Sec of For Miss. The corresp Sec of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported that no letters had been rec'd. On motion the report was accepted.

on For Miss The Committee on Foreign Missions failed to present their 10 minutes report

on Domestic do " " " Domestic " " " " " " " "

on Bibles Tracts &c " " " Bibles Tracts &c " " " " " " "

The Soc then sang the hymn commencing

"Great God, the nations of the earth, are by creation thine."

Com on Sailors &c

The Com: on Sailors Soldiers & Africans failed to present their 10 minute report.

on Public morals &c

The com: on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity failed to present their annual essay.

Change of Constitution proposed.

Mr Hay called the attention of the Society to the Faculty's request that we should change the day of meeting from the First Thursday to the first day of the month (with the exception stated in Art 16 of the printed copy of the Constitution) & moved that such change be made. In conformity with the Constitutional requirement the motion was laid on the table.

On motion the Society adjourned & was closed with prayer by Mr Colmery.

Stewart Mitchell
Rec Secretary.

Members to be stricken from the roll.

In accordance with Art 10. Sect 4 of the Bye Laws as amended, wh reads thus, "Members leaving the Seminary in debt to the Society shall not be admitted to "the list of honorary members; and the names of such persons shall be "reported to the Recording Secretary by the Treasurer, & shall be entered in "full in connection with the minutes of the first meeting of the Society "in the next session,"

the treasurer has reported the names of Messrs Knapp, Maclaw & Warden as having left the Seminary in debt to the society."

Oratory 2 P.M. Oct 4, 1849.

Society met,

Vice President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr E. Wall.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & after amendment proposed by Mr Edwards were adopted.

The minutes of the Board of Managers were likewise read, amended & approved.

New members

The following new members were elected, Messrs Cattel, Nassau, Chamberlain, Bittinger, Milson, Forsman, Cramer, Clark, Milligan.

Corresp Sec.

The report of the Corresp Sec of the Society was called for, but the Sec was absent.

Cor Sec of Comm for For Miss.

The corresp Sec of the committee on Foreign Missions read some extracts from a letter from a teacher at the Choctaw agency. On motion his report was accepted.

Cor. Sec. Dom. Miss.

The corresp Sec of the committee on Domestic missions being absent Mr Latourette reported for him that no letters had been recieved.

The society then sang the hymn commencing

"O'er the realms of pagan darkness."

Rep of Com on For Miss. The committee on Foreign missions presented through Mr Lankin their 10 minutes report wh was on motion accepted.

of comon Dom Miss. The committee on Domestic Missions failed to present their 10 minutes report

on Bibles Tracts &c The committee on Bibles Tracts & Relig Education likewise failed

on Sailors &c The committee on Sailors Soldiers & Africans & the committee on Public Morals,

on Romish Ch &c Romish ch & infidelity also failed to present their 10 minutes report.

nnual Rep of com. on Bibles Tracts &c The committee on Bibles Tracts & religious education failed to present their annual report

Change of Art XVI of the Constitution Mr Parsons moved that Art XVI of the Constitution be amended so as to read "the regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the first day of "every month during the sessions of the Theological Seminary (except when "this shall interfere with the Sabbath, in wh case the Society shall meet "on the following Monday) and its meetings shall be opened & closed with "prayer by the President or by some member of the Society at his request" The motion was adopted.

Monthly concert essayist Mr S. S. Wilson was nominated & elected essayist for the monthly concert in place of Mr Young who has not returned to the Seminary.

On motion the Society adjourned & was closed with prayer by Mr Ripley.

Stuart Mitchell Rec Sec.

Oratory, 2 PM, Nov 1, 1849.

Society met,

President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr Edwards.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The minutes of the Board of Managers were also read & approved.

New members On motion were elected the following new members Messrs Conover, Winter, Melick, Lansbury & Bunting.

Corresp. Sec The report of the Cor Sec of the Society was called for, but the Sec was absent.

Rep of Com. Dom. Missions. The 10 minutes report of the Com on For Missions was presented by Mr Laws, and on motion accepted.

Rep of Cor. Sec. For. Com. The report of the Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Foreign missions was called for, but the Sec was absent.

Rep of Com. on Dom. Miss. The 10 minutes report of the Com on Domestic missions was presented by Mr Cornell, and on motion accepted.

Rep of Com on Bibles Tracts &c The Com on Bibles, Tracts & Religious education failed to present their 10 minutes report

Devo. Exercise The Soc then united in singing the 67th Psalm, beginning

"Shine mighty God on Zion shine."

Rep of Com. on Sailors &c The 10 minutes report of the Com on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans was read for Mr Stevenson by Mr Milliken, & on motion accepted.

Rep of Com. on P Morals &c. The 10 minutes report of the Com on Pub Morals, Rom ch & Infidelity was read by

Mr Laws & on motion accepted.

Miscellaneous — Mr Criswell introduced to the Soc Mr Burk a converted Jew, & upon invitation of the chair Mr Burk made some remarks, wh were followed by some from Mr Laws. Mr Mitchell gave some information as to the Presbs Bds missions among the Choctaws.

Adjournment. — On motion the meeting adjourned & was closed with prayer by Mr Tinley.

Stuart Mitchell Rec. Sec.

Oratory 5 P.M. Nov 30. 1849.

Special meeting — A special meeting was held pursuant to a call of the President. The President in the chair stated that the meeting was called to consider as to the propriety of altering the time of the morning's meeting from afternoon to forenoon on acct of its being Saturday. Mr Tinley moved that the Bye Laws in reference to the time of meeting be suspended. The motion was carried, & on motion it was Resolved

Time of meeting. — that the December meeting of the Soc be held at 9½ A.M.

On motion adjourned.

S. Mitchell. Rec. Sec.

Oratory 9½ A.M. Dec. 1849

Society met,

President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr Tadlock.

Minutes — The minutes of the last meeting & of the last meeting of the Board of managers were read & on motion approved.

New members — On motion were elected the following new members, Messrs Heaton, Price, Criswell & Boyce.

Rep of Cor Sec — The report of the Cor Sec of the Soc was called for but the Sec was absent.

Rep of Cor Sec of Com. D.M. — The Cor Sec of the Com on For missions reported no letters rec'd & one written. Report accepted.

Rep of Cor Sec of Com D.M. — The cor sec of the comon Dom. Missions reported no letters rec'd or sent. The report was on motion accepted.

Rep of Com F.M. — The 10 minutes report of the Com on For missions was presented by Mr Tinley, & accepted.

Essay of Com F.M. — The annual essay of the com on For missions was presented by Mr Edwards & accepted.

Devotional ex. — The Soc then sang the 98th Psalm — commencing "Joy to the world the Lord is come".

Address by Mr — Mr Mc Ilvaine made some remarks respecting the origin of the Soc of inquiry, he having been concerned in an important change in its Org. On motion of Mr Laws the thanks of the Soc were presented to Mr Mc Ilvaine for his interesting address.

Rep of Com on D.M. — The 10 minutes report of the Com on Dom Missions was presented by Mr Klink & accepted.

Rep of Com on Bibles &c. — The 10 minutes rep. of the Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Rel'g Education was presented by Mr Templeton and on motion received.

Rep of Com on P. Morals &c. — The 10 minutes rep. of the Com on Public Morals &c was presented by Mr Lepo, & on motion accepted.

Rep of Comon Sailors &c — The 10 min repal of the Com on Sailors, Soldiers &c was presented by Mr Caldwell & on motion received.

Constitutional question. Decision of the Chair grounds

Mr McFinley asked whether the committees of inquiry had power to pass laws imposing fines upon their members. The President decided in the negative, remarking that the Soc is not a confederation of separate committees but a single society referring its business to committees, that the committees therefore have not an independent existence but a dependent & subservient, a modal one, that accordingly the Soc has legislated for its committees, & that a special ground of his decision is that the committees in order to enforce such laws would affect the standing of members in the Society, which a committee can have no right to do.

On motion adjourned, closed with prayer by Mr Paige.

Stuart Mitchell Rec. Sec.

Oratory 2 P.M. Jan 1, 1850.

Society met

President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr Safford.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after an amendment proposed by Mr Edwards were adopted. The minutes of the Board of Managers were read & approved.

New members

Mr Emerson was elected a member of the Society.

Cor. Sec.

The Cor. Sec. of the Soc. being absent, Mr Childs, acted for him the reception of a letter from the Soc. of Inquiry of Andover Theol Sem was he read. On motion of Mr Laws the Cor. Sec. was instructed to answer the letter.

Cor. Sec. For. Miss.

No report was received from the Cor. Sec. of For Missions committee.

Cor. Sec. Dom. Miss.

None from the Cor. Sec. of Com on Dom. Missions.

Com Rep. For. miss.

The Com on For. Miss. presented their monthly report through Mr Edwards, which was accepted. The Soc then united in singing the 580th hymn, beginning "Ascend thy throne Almighty King God."

Com Rep. Dom. Miss

The Committees on Dom. Missions, on Bible Tract Col. education, and on Public Moral &c, failed to report.

Messag. Sailors &c

The Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Indians failed to present their annual essay.

Obituary

The President appointed Messrs Logan of the 1st class, E Hall of the 2nd, & Culbertson of the 3rd, to prepare an obituary of our late Bro Candor.

On Motion of Mr Finley the Soc adjourned & was closed with prayer by Mr D A Wilson

Geo Edwards Sec pro tem.

Oratory. 2 P.M. Feb 1. 1850.

Society met

President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr Annin.

Minutes — The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Those of the Board of managers were adopted after corrections were suggested.

New members. — On motion Mr Taylor was elected a member of the Society.

Rep. Cor. Sec of Soc. — The Rep. of the Cor. Sec. of the Soc was called for, but the Sec. was absent.

Rep. Cor. Sec. Com. For. Miss. — The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported that no letters had been written since the last meeting, but a letter had been rec'd from Rev Jos. H Wight dated Ningpo July 30, 1849. The letter was read to the Soc, & on motion it was resolved that the letter be answered. Mr Cattel suggested that the person answering request some information about the operations of the Roman Catholics in China.

Letter of J. H. Wight.

Rep. Cor. Sec. Com. Dom. Miss. — The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Dom. Missions read a letter from the Rev Jno Stewart, De Pere Wisconsin. On motion his report was accepted.

Letter from J. Stewart.

10 min Rep. Com. For. Miss. — The Com. on For. Missions failed to ~~report~~ present their 10 minutes report.

Devotional Exercise — The Soc. then sang the 102 Psalm, commencing "Let Zion & her sons rejoice".

An. Essay com. Dom. Miss. — The Com. on Dom. Missions failed to present their annual essay, through a mistake, having supposed that a 10 minutes report was required at this meeting.

10 min Rep. Com. Bibles &c — The Com. on Bibles Tracts & Relig. Education presented their 10 minutes report through Mr Valentine. On motion it was accepted.

10 min. Rep. Com. Pub. Morals &c — The Com. on Pub. Morals, Romish church & Infidelity presented their 10 minutes report through Mr Dreistreet. On motion it was accepted.

10 min. Rep. Com. Sailors &c — The Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans failed to present their 10 minutes report.

Voluntary Rep. Com. Dom. Miss. — Mr Fowell on behalf of the Com. on Dom. Missions presented a 10 minutes report, wh was accepted.

Miscellaneous. — Mr Finley, the Librarian, gave notice that several unbound periodicals were missing from the Library.

Library.

Obituary. — Mr Logan stated that the com. appointed to prepare an obituary on Bro Candor had written to his family for information but had not yet received answer.

Mr Parsons called the attention of the Society to a neglect in reference to the recording of some obituaries that have been read to the society.

Adjournment — On motion adjourned. Closed with prayer by Mr Williams.

Stuart Mitchell. Rec. Sec.

Oratory 2 P.M. March 1. 1850.

Society met

Vice President in the chair & was opened with prayer by Mr Ripley.

Minutes — The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved, and also those of the Board of Managers

Rep. of Cor. Sec. — The report of the Cor. Sec. of the Soc. was called for, but the Sec was absent at that time.

Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. — The cor. sec. of the com. on For. Missions reported no letters received & one written to Jonas King &c.

Cor. Sec. Com. Dom. Miss. — The report of the Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Dom. Missions was called for, but the Sec was absent.

10 min Rep. Com. For. Miss. The Com. on For. missions failed to present their 10 minutes report, their Reporter having left the Sem.

10 min. Rep. Com. Dom. Miss. The Com. on Dom. Mis. presented their 10 minutes report through Mr Chamberlain, & it was on motion accepted.

10 min. Rep. com. Bibles &c. The com. on Bibles, Tracts &c failed to present their 10 minutes report

Annual Rep. Pub. morals &c The Com. on Pub. morals, Rom. church & Infidelity failed to present their annual ~~essay~~ Report.

10 min Rep. Sailors &c The Com on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans presented their 10 min. report through Mr Crowell, wh was on motion accepted.

Cor. Sec The cor. sec. of the Society reported that one letter had been answered, but none received.

Devotional Exercise The Soc. then sang the 147th Ps, commencing

"Let Zion praise the mighty God".

Miscellaneous Mr Page read an extract of a letter from Mr Brown of May's landing.

Mr Logan moved that the Board of managers be instructed to furnish the Reading room with a Lutheran paper, & after the decision of the chair that the motion was in order, & some debate on it, the motion was lost.

On motion adjourned, Closed with prayer by Mr Harris.

S. Mitchell. Rec. Sec.

Oratory 2 P.M. April 1, 1850.

Society met

President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr McFarland.

Minutes The minutes of the Soc. & of the Board of managers were read & approved.

Cor. Sec. com. For. Miss. The Cor. Sec. of the com. on For. missions reported that a letter had been written to Mr Wright, & read part of a private letter from Mr Ramsey. The report was accepted.

Cor. Sec. com. Dom. Miss. The cor. sec. of the Com. on Dom. Missions read letters from Mr Mc Main & Mr Root of Wisconsin, & his report was accepted.

10 min Rep. For. miss. Mr Byers read the 10 min report of the Com on For. missions wh was on motion accepted

Devotional exercise The society then sang the hymn commencing

"Oh Spirit of the living God."

10 min Rep. Dom. miss. The Com. on Dom. Missions & the Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Relig education failed to present their 10 minutes reports.

10 min Rep. Sailors &c. The 10 minutes report of the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans, was presented by Mr Finley & on motion accepted.

10 min Rep. Roman ch &c The Com on Romish ch & infidelity failed to present their 10 minutes report.

Letters. Letters sent to the Soc. by Dr Alexander, from Dr Breckinridge of Ky, Mr Cuttend Mr Evans of Cen^ce & from the elders of Freeport Illinois, were on motion read by Mr Parsons.

Obituary. The obituary of Bro. Candor was read by Mr E. Wall, & the copying it was referred to him. Messrs Freeman, Walsh & Bottsford were appointed a committee to copy the obituary of Bro Lloyd. On motion adjourned.

Closed with prayer by

Signed S. P. Safford. Sec. pro tem.

Oratory 11 A.M. May 1. 1850.

Society met,

Vice President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr Rankin.

The society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing term, which resulted as follows: S. T. Wilson was elected President

A. P. Finley	Vice President
James A. Paige	Recording Secretary.
Jas. H. Lees	Corresponding Secretary
E. Emerson	1st assistant corresp. Sec.
M. A. Rankin	2nd " " "
J. P. Lafford	Treasurer
Orlando Clark	Librarian
S. Wall	Keeper of the Cabinet

The election for Orator & Essayist with their alternates resulted in the choice of

Jos. E. Nassau	Orator
Jas. A. Paige	Alternate
E. Wall	Essayist
S. T. Wilson	Alternate

On motion the society adjourned to meet at 2 P.M. & was closed with prayer by Mr Byers.

Stuart Mitchell Rec. Sec.

Addenda. D. A. Wilson, R. M. Overstreet, Jno Byers } were elected a Standing Committee.

S. Mitchell Rec. Sec.

Oratory 2. P.M. May 1. 1850

Society met,

Vice President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr Sill.

Minutes — The minutes of the Society's meetings of April 1 & May 1, & the minutes of the Board of Managers were read & after correction approved.

New members — Mr Hofford was proposed & elected a member of the Society.

Com. on nominations — On motion of Mr Parsons a committee was appointed to nominate Essayists for the Monthly concerts of next session.

Cor. Sec. — The report of the Cor. Sec. of the Soc was called for but the secretary was absent.

Cor. Sec. For. miss — The cor. sec. of the Com. on For. missions read part of a private letter from China.

Cor. Sec. Dom. Miss — The cor. sec. of the Com. on Dom. missions read part of a private letter from Wisconsin.

Annual Rep. For. Miss — The com. on Foreign missions failed to present their annual report.

The society then engaged in singing the hymn commencing

"Christian see the orient morning."

10 min. Rep. Dom. Miss — The 10 min. rep. of the Com. on Dom. Missions was presented by Mr Conover, & accepted.

10 minutes Reports — The 10 min. reports of the committee on Bibles, Tracts &c, the com. on Public Morals & the com. on Sailors, Soldiers &c were called for, but the committees failed to report.

Essayists — The Com. appointed to report Essayists for Monthly concerts, reported the following names.

Milliken, Edwards, Mitchell, Crowell, Taylor, Raffensperger, Powell, Baker & T. Wall.

The report was accepted & the committee discharged, & on motion the persons nominated were appointed to read essays at the Monthly concert meetings of the ensuing session.

Miscellaneous. — A note from Mr S.S. Laws was read by Mr Hay, stating that circumstances compelled him

Mr Laws. — to be absent from the Seminary at the approaching anniversary & so would prevent him from performing the duty assigned him.

Obituary — The report of the committee appointed to copy Mr Loyd's obituary was called for, and the chairman of the com. reported that nothing had been done. In the course of discussion it was stated that the appointment of this committee was not in accordance with the ~~Constitution~~ by-Laws of the Soc, and on motion of Mr Nassau the report was accepted & the committee discharged.

Mr Bannays moved that a note be made upon the minutes stating that Messrs Orbison, Shannon & Shaw, the com. appointed to copy Mr Loyds obituary, having been appointed for a long time & not having performed the duty assigned them, ~~xx~~ therefore the society have the obituary copied & the expense of doing so paid by the Treas. of the Soc. The motion was lost.

Letter — Mr Parsons read a letter from Iowa, wh had been handed him by Dr Alexander.

On motion the Soc. adjourned & was closed with prayer by the Vice Pres, Mr Childs.

Stuart Mitchell. Rec. Sec.

Oratory 9 A.M. May 8. 1850

A special meeting having been called the Society met, president in the Chair. The President stated that the object of the meeting was to secure the services of an orator for the approaching anniversary.

On motion of Mr Shannon it was resolved that Mr Edwards be requested to deliver the oration.

On motion of Mr Parsons the meeting adjourned

S. Mitchell. Rec. Sec.

Anniversary meeting

Seminary Chapel, May 10, 1850.

The society being convened the exercises were begun with prayer by the Rev Dr Sudgrass. After the singing of the hymn commencing "Behold the expected time draw near", the Anniversary essay was read by Mr Graham - Subject The glorification of Jesus necessary to success in missions. The hymn commencing "O'er the realms of Pagan darkness" was sung, and the Anniversary Oration was then delivered by Mr Edwards, on the subject of "A call to the Foreign field." Dr Hodge led the meeting in prayer, the meeting sang the L.M. doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Dr Alexander, & the meeting adjourned. The me-

sical exercises were conducted by the Hastings Society under the superintendence of Mr David King.

Stuart Mitchell Rec. Sec.

Seminary Chapel,
Sept 2nd 1850

Society met,

President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr E. Wall.

Minutes — The minutes of May 1st, 8th, & 10th were read and approved; and also those of the Board of Managers

New members — The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society:-

Platt	Paxton	Paton	Hardie
Plamell	Cameron	Beattie	Watts
Lockley	Noble	Staudenmayer	Jones
Calvin	Foreman	Pierce	Huntington
Woodhull	J. H. Moore	Williams	Leighton
Sproull	R. T. Moore	Cumming	Cobb
Babbit	Pratt	Kaufman	Criswell

Reports of Cor. Secs — The Cor. Sec of the Society failed to report
The Cor. Sec of the Bd of For. Missions failed to report
The Cor. Sec. of the Bd of Dom. Missions reported no letters rec'd or sent away

Obituaries — Com. on Obituaries made no report

Ten-minute Reports. — Ten-minute report from Com on For. Missions failed
Ten-minute report from Com on Dom Missions was read by Mr Safford. Not having been submitted to the Committee it was objected against; but a vote of Society being taken it was received.

Remarks of Rev A.A. Hodge — The Society then joined in singing the 567th Hymn beginning, "Hark, the solemn trumpet sounding" - after which the Rev A. A. Hodge, returned missionary from India, was presented to the Society by the President and held its interested attention over an hour with remarks upon India

Ten-minute Report. — The ten-minute report of the Com. on Bibles, Tracts and Religious Education was read by Mr Cannon, and received.

Ten-minute Reports — The ten-minute report of the Com on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans was called for but not presented

Am. Essayists — The Annual Essayists on Pub. Morals, Romanism & Infidelity failed.

Point of order — Mr Byers reminded the Society of Sect 1st Art 10th By-Laws which prohibits members leaving Society during session without permission of the presiding officers.

Obituaries — The President announced to Society the death of Rev A. J. Graham of the Choctaw Mission and appointed Messrs. Childs, Emerson & L. Wall to prepare an obituary -

" — Also the death Mr Thadeus Culbertson and appointed Messrs Cattel, Edwards & S. R. Moore to prepare an obituary.

On motion, the Society adjourned. Closed with prayer by Mr Byers

Jas. Alex. Paige Rec. Sec.

Oratory 2 P. M. Oct 1st 1850

Society met, President in the Chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Laws

Minutes — The minutes of last meeting were read and approved - also those of the Board of Managers.

New Members — The following members were elected

Messrs Barrett	Montgomery	Wilden
Hodge	Miller	Mott
Lowry	Bronson	Kirkpatrick
Bardwell	Woods	Hughs
Cornelison	Lavorty	Burr
Armstrong	Williams	Hyle
Mershier	Burns	Clemens
Scott	Hafford	

Rpts of Cor. Secretaries — Cor. Sec. of Soc. reported a letter from sister Soc. at Andover

Cor Sec of Com. on F. Missions reported no letters rec'd or despatched. Likewise the Cor Sec of Com. on Dom. Missions.

Ten Min Rpts — Ten minute report from Com. on F. Missions

was presented by Mr Wallace, and, on motion, accepted

Ten minute report from Com on Dom. Missions was presented by Mr Bunting, and, on motion, accepted

Annual Rept on Bibls, Tracts & Religious Education

Annual Report from Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education was presented by Mr Platt and on motion accepted

The Society then joined in singing the 556th Hymn beginning "O'er the gloomy hills of darkness"

Ten Min. Rpts

Ten minute report from Com on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans was read by Mr Byers & on motion accepted.

Com on Romanism, Infidelity & Public Morals failed to present their report

Resignations

Mr Barbour, boarding at an inconvenient distance from the Seminary desired to dissolve his connection with Society, which, on motion, was granted.

Mr Emerson also tendered his resignation from Society which was accepted

On motion the Society adjourned. - Closed with prayer by Mr Leighton

James Alex. Paige Rec. Sec.

Oratory 2 P.M. Nov 1. 1850

Society met

President in the chair and was opened with prayer by Mr Moore

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. - Also those of the Boards of Managers

New Members

Mr Davidson was elected a member of the Society

Letter from Dr Waylington

Cor. Sec. reported a letter from Dr Waylington declining for the present an invitation to visit Princeton & address the students upon the subject of Missions

Cor Sec of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported no letters rec'd or sent - Likewise the Sec of the Com. on Dom. Missions

Obituary

The Obituary of Dr Culbertson was then presented

by Mr. Cattell, Chairman of the designated Committee, and, on motion, accepted

Annual Essay — The Annual Essay, subject "The Spirit of Missions the Spirit of Christianity and the Spirit of the Ministry" was presented by Mr Byers

The Society then joined in singing the 571st Hymn beginning "Now be the gospel banner"

Few Min Rept of Com on Dom Miss — Few Minute report from Com on Dom Miss. was presented by Mr Foreman and, on motion, rec'd.

Com on Bibles Tracts & Religious Education failed to present their report. Also

Com on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans. Also

Com on Romanism, Infidelity & Public Morals

By Constitution — The Constitution was then read by the Secretary

No more business the Soc, on motion adjourned

Closed with prayer by Mr Huntington

Jas. Alex. Paige Rec Sec

Oratory 2 P.M. Dec 2nd 1850

Society met

and was opened with prayer by Mr Calvin.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted

Minutes of the Board of Managers were read and on motion that part relating to the German Schnellpost was repealed

Other portions relating to the Standg Com & Librarian were, on motion, referred to the Board

Mr S. Osmond was Elected a member of Society

Cor. Secs. reported no Correspondence

Annual Report from Com on Dom Miss. was presented by Mr Howell and on motion accepted

Soc. then joined in singing the 2nd P beginning "Maker and Sovreign Lord."

Few Min report for Com. on For. Miss was presented by Mr Safford and on motion Accepted

Few Min report on Rom. Infdlty & Pub Morals was presented by Mr Baker and accepted

Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education failed to report

New Min. report on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans was presented by Mr Cleghorn and accepted

On motion Society adjourned. — Closed with prayer by Mr Baker

Jas. A. Paige Rec. Sec.

Oratory 2 P. M. Jany 1st 1851

Society met

and was opened with prayer by Mer E. Wall

Minutes — Minutes of the Soc. were read & accepted

Minutes of the Bd of Managrs were read and approved

Cor Sec — Cor Sec. read a letter from the Judson Soc of Inquiry at Rochester - and another also from the Western Theo. Soc at Allegheny Cemetery Pa. - Reading of a letter rec'd from br Simpson of Africa was postponed till next meeting

Cor. Sec. of Com. on Forgn Miss. reported no correspondence —

Cor Sec of Com. on Dom. Miss failed to report

New Minute Reports — New-minute report of Com on Sailors, Soldiers and Africans was presented by Mr Finley and on Motion accepted

Obituary — Com on Obituary of Mer Graham reported progress

Society then joined in singing Hymn 871 "Now be the Gospel banner."

Minutes of Bd of Mangrs — A motion to reconsider the adoption of the minutes of the Board of Managers was lost.

No more business, Soc adjrnd

Closed with prayer by Mer Childs

Jas. A. Paige, Rec Sec

Oratory 2 P.M. Feby 1st 1851

Society met.

And was opened with prayer by Mer Cleghorn

Minutes — Minutes of the Society were read & accepted

Minutes of the Boards of Managers were read and approved

Cor Sec of Society — Cor. Sec. of Soc. reported letters written to sister Societies at Andover, Western Theological Semy and Scudder Semy at Cannonsburg Pa. – Also letters received from Edinburgh & Andover which were read before Society

Cor. Sec of Com on F. Mess — Cor. Sec. of Com. on Forgn Missions reported letters received from Bros. Simpson of Africa, Jonas King of Greece, & P. J. Gulick of Hawaii Sandwich Islands which were read before Society

The Society then joined in singing the Missionary Hymn 'From Greenlands icy mountains'

Cor Sec of Com on Dom Mess — Cor Sec of Com on Dom. Missions read a letter from Bro Dewing of Ocean Co N. J.

Pen-Minute Reports — Pen-Minute Report of Com on Forgn Missns was made by Mr Pratt and accepted

Pen-Minute report from Com on Sailors Soldiers and Africans was presented by Mr Jones & accepted

Pen-Minute report from Com on Dom. Missns was presented by Mr Cameron and accepted

Other Comtes failed to report

New Member — Mr Jas. K. Mendenhall was Elected a member of Society

No more business, Society adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Mr Howell

Jas. A. Paige Recdg Sec.

Oratory, 10 A.M. March 1st 1851

Society met and was opened with prayer by Mr Baker

Minutes — Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Minutes of the Boards of Managers were read and approved

Reports — Cor. Sec. of Soc. reported no letters received

Cor. Sec of Com on Forgn Missns reported no letters received

Cor Sec of Com. on Dom. Missns Mr No report

Ten-Minute Report from Com on Bibles, Tracts, & Relig Education was presented by Mr Mitchel & accepted

Annual Essays

Annual Essay from Com on Romanism, Infidelity & Public Morals was presented by Mr Platt and accepted

Society then joined in singing the 564th Hymn beginning "Sovreign of worlds, display thy power"

Annual-Essay from Com on Dom. Missions was presented by Mr Suffords & on motion accepted

Constitution Suspended

On motion the Constitution was suspended to admit the Ten-Minute Reports from Com on Infidelity, Romanism & Public Morals, which was presented by Mr Cattell & accepted.

Abuse of Reading Room

It was moved by Mr Rassieyeyer, and carried, that Dr Alexander Sen. be requested by the President of the Society to reperemande the practice of remining, without right the Papers & Periodicals from the files & tables of the Reading Room

No more business Society adjourned
Closed with prayer by Mr Noble
Jas. A Paige Recrdg Sec.

Oratory 2 P.M. April 1st 1851

Society met
And was opened with prayer by Mr Whildon.

Minutes of Society were read and accepted

Minutes of Board were read and, with a verbal correction, approved

Cor. Sec. of Soc. read a letter from the Secrdr Missionary Soc.

Cor. Sec. of Com. on F. Missns reported letters received from Messrs Cumming & Baldwin of Pow Chow & Mr Wight of Shanghai which were read before Soc.

Society then joined in singing hymn 572 "Men of God, go take your stations"

The ten-minute reports all failed

Annual report fr Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans failed

Committee on obituary of Br. Graham requested through Mr Childs to be discharged, which was granted. Whereupon Messrs Edwards Safford & Foreman were appointed as a new Committee.

The deaths of Bros S. E. Emerson of Newburyport Mass & Tho Smith of Louisville were reported to Society, the former by Bro Childs & the latter by Br. Laws

No more business Soc. adjourned. - Closed with prayer by Br Yeomans

Jas. A. Paige Rec. Sec.

Oratory 11 A.M. May 1st 1851

Society met

and was opened with prayer by Mer Taylor.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers which resulted as follows. -

Jas. A. Paige	President
I. H. Calvin	Vice President
E. F. Williams	Recrdg Secretary
W. C. Cattell	Corresponding do
I. Huntington	1st Asst do do
I. M. Platt	2nd Asst do do
I. W. Pratt	Treasurer
W. Clemens	Librarian
W. C. Cattell	Keeper of Cabinet
R. Price H. C. Cameron I. L. Howell	Standing Committee
I. Kirkpatrick Jr	Annual Orator
I. W. Paxton	Alternate
I. F. Baker	Annual Essayist
R. Watts	Alternate

Adjourned with prayer by Mer E. Wall.

Jas. A. Paige. Recrdg Sec.

Oratory 2 P.M. May 1st 1851

Society met

And was opened with prayer by Mr Howell

Minutes of Society were read & accepted

Minutes of Board of Managers were read & approved.

Cor. Sec. of Soc. & Cor. Sec. of Com on Frgn Missns made no report

Annual report from Com. on Foreign Missns failed.

Ten-minute reports all failed

Committee to report Monthly Essayists reported as follows, – Sept. Price – Oct Platt – Nov, Howell – Dec. S. E. Pierce – Jany J. H. Moore – Feby Foreman – March, Marchand – April Williams – May, Huntington.

For reports of Treasurer, Librarian, Keeper of Cabinet & Standing Com. see Minutes of Bd of Mngrs.

Mr Ed. C. Botsford was proposed and elected a member of the Society

Society then joined in singing 573rd Hymn

"O'er the realms of pagan darkness"

Committee on obituary of Dr Emerson of Newburyport Messrs. Taylor, Lepper

Com. on obituary of Dr. T. Smith of Louisville Messrs Williams, Osmond & Beattie

Mr McKinley read part of a private letter from Mr McNair of Wisconsin

No more business, Society adjourned, with prayer by the President

Jas. A Paige Rec. Sec.

Anniversary Meeting

Seminary Chapel. May 5, 1851

Society met and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Backus. The 570th Hymn, beginning, "Watchman tell us of the night", was sung by the Choir of the Hastings Society – after which the Annual Essay was read by Mr Edward Wall – Subject, "Religious State of Germany before the Reformation". The Choir then sung the 134th Hymn, beginning, "Let everlasting glories crown." – which was followed by the Annual Oration by Mr Jos. E. Sawyer –

subject, "Orphanage of Unbelief".- The Choir having sung the 573rd Hymn, beginning, "O'er the realms of pagan darkness", the Society adjourned with benediction by the Rev. Dr Janeway

Jas. Alex Paige. Recording Secretary

Oratory Sep: 1st 1851. 2 o'clock P.M.

Society met, President in the chair.

And was opened with prayer by Mr Calvin. In the absence of the Secretary the reading of the minutes was prevented. Two Members were then proposed - and on motion, the following gentlemen were duly elected.

Messrs

Ray.	Emerson.	I. Jones.
Nebus.	Mateer.	J.H. McMullen.
Moxsely.	Symmes.	R. McMullen
Dettrick.	Sickels.	Smith.
Cathcart.	Blackburn.	Leavitt &
Brown.	Life.	McKee.

The Cor: Sec: of Loc: & Cor: Sec's of Frgn & Domestic Missns, reported that no letters had been received or sent.

The annual Report and the annual Essay failed.

Under head of Miscellaneous Business,

Mr Price expressed his desire to withdraw from the Society, and consequently to resign his office as one of the Standing Committee. On motion, this resignation in both these relations was accepted, and on motion of Mr Mateer, the Society proceeded to the election, "viva voce", of another to supply the vacancy thus created. The Election resulted in the choice of Mr John Davidson.

There being no further business the Society adjourned with prayer by Mr Calvin.

W. E. Jones.

Sec: pro tem.

Oratory Oct 1st (2 o'clock PM)-
1851.

Society met-
and was opened with prayer Mr Moore.
Minutes of the last Annual & Regular Meetings read
and approved.
Minutes of Board of Managers were Read and accepted.
Nomination of New Members being then in order- the following
gentlemen — were proposed, and duly elected.
Messrs-
Loewenthal.
Barr.
Davis.
Crocker.
Mathers.
Cor. Sec. of Soc. Reported that no letters had been Received or written.
Cor. Sec. of Com. on Foreign Missions reported that no letters had been received-
but that he had mailed one to Rev^d Mr Semour of India.
Cor. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Missions- Reported- no letters received or written-
Committee on Obituary of Mr Graham reported, their Chairman
absent- with whom rested the gathering of necessary materials-
Committee on Obituary of Mr Smith- reported that they hoped soon
to have the Obituary ready for presentation.
The Ten Minutes Report of Com. on Forgn Missions- was then presented
by Mr Wallace- and accepted.
The remaining Ten Minutes Reports failed.
The Annual Report of Com. on "Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education"
was presented by Mr Safford and accepted.
The Society then united in singing the 548 Hymn- beginning —
"Zion's King shall reign victorious."
To prepare an Obituary of Mr Simpson- late of the African Mission-
Messrs, Nassau- Cobb & Pierce were appointed-
By request of the Standing Committee the President read Sec. 2^d art 5. of the
By-Laws.
No more Business- Society adjourned, with prayer by Mr Horsman.

Edwin T. Williams.

Recording Secretary.

Oratory Nov. 8th 1851.
2 o'clock P.M.

Society met - and was opened with prayer by Brother W. Powell -
The Minutes of the Last Regular Meeting was read and accepted -
The Minutes of the Board of Managers was read and approved.
The following gentlemen was then proposed as Members of the Society - Messrs.

Leister - Simkin jr E.S.
Corson - Comstock
Kelly - Morse -
Menkins & Hopkins.

The Reports of Committee on Foreign & Domestic Miss - the same as presented in the Minutes of the Board of Managers - The Cor: Sec: of Soc: being absent failed to report. Committee on Obituaries failed to report. The Ten Minutes report of the Com: on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education was presented by Brother Barr - and accepted.
The remaining "ten minutes reports" all failed -
Hymn 562 - "From Greenland's icy Mountains" - was then sung.
The "Essay" for Nov - the Com: on For: Miss: failed to present - There being no further business -
The Society adjourned with prayer by Brother O'Connell.

Edwin S. Williams.
Recording Sec:

Oratory Nov 8th 1851. (2 P.M)

Society met, and was opened with prayer by Brother McHartland. The minutes of the Last Regular & Called Meeting was respectively read and accepted.
Reports from Cor: Sec's of Soc: and Committee on Foreign & Domestic Missions failed -
Reports of Com: on Obituaries failed.
The 10 minutes Report of the Com: on Dom: Missions, was presented by Br Barr - and, on motion, accepted.
The 10 Minutes Report of the Com: on Bibles Tracts & Rel: Education, was read by Br Blackstone, and, on motion, accepted.
The 10 Minutes Report of the Com: on Public Mor: Romish Church & Officials" was presented by Brother Hodge, and, on motion, accepted. The Remaining Com's failed -
The Hymn, 555, beginning - "Blow ye the trumpet blow" was then sung, standing -
The Annual Report of the Com: on Dom: Miss - failed - The last amendments to the Constitution & By Laws, as contained in Minutes of the Board, under date of Oct 31 - was then read respectively - The President called the attention of the Society to the abuse of the Reading Room, by the unlawful annual thefts of Shakes & Jambliers. No further business, the Society adjourned with prayer by the Rev John C Irvine - E. S. Williams - Sec -

Oratory Jan 1st 1852. 2 o'clock (P.M.)

Society met

and was opened with prayer by Brother Pepls. Vice President in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Minutes of the Board of Managers were not presented, a quorum not having been present to constitute a meeting.

The Ten Minutes Report of the Com: on Bib: Lr: & Relgs Education was presented by Brother Brown and, on motion, accepted.

The Ten Minutes Report of the Com: on Pub Mor: Rom Cls & Ref: was presented by Brother Seventhal, and, on motion accepted.

The remaining Ten minutes Reports all failed. also the Report of the Cor: Sec: of Soc. together with those of the Cor: Sec's of the Committees on Foreign & Dom: Miss: & the Com: on Obituaries.

The Soc: united in singing the 550 Hymn. beginning -

"Sing to the Lord in joyful strains:"

When, on motion, the Soc: entered upon an election for a monthly Essayist in March. to supply the vacancy created by the absence of Brother Markham.

The Election resulted in the choice of Brother Hardee.

There being no further business. the Soc:

Adjourned with Prayer by Brother Davidson.

Edwin J. Williams

Rec: Secretary.

Oratory February 2d 1852. 2 o'clock, P.M.

Society met and was opened with prayer by Brother Nassau. (Vice President in the chair) The Minutes of the last Regular meeting were read and accepted. The Minutes of the Board of Managers were read and accepted including those of the last called meeting.

The Cor: Sec: of the Com: on Foreign Miss. reported a letter written to Mr Wright of the China mission. and one received from Mr Mackey of the African Miss: The latter was then read before the Society. The remaining reports of Cor: Secs. the 10 minutes reports. and the reports of Com's on Obituaries all failed.

The Society then sung standing the 548 Hymn. beginning -

"Sion's King shall reign victorious."

when the Annual Essay of the Com: on Dom: Miss. was read by Brother Kirkpatrick.

There being no further business. the Society adjourned with Prayer by Brother Hodge.

Edwin J. Williams. Rec. Sec.

Oratory, March 8th 1852. 2 o'clock P.M.

Society met,
and was opened with Prayer by Brother Price. (Vice President in the chair)
Minutes of the last Regular meeting was read and adopted.
Minutes of the Board of Managers failed, there having been no meeting of the Board.
The Cor: Sec: of the Com: on Dom: Miss: reported no letters rec'd or written.
The Ten Minutes Report of the Com: on Foreign Miss: was presented by
Brother Clemens and on motion, received.
The Ten Minutes Report of the Com: on Bibles, Tracts & Relig: Educ: was
read by Brother Clemens and on motion accepted.
The Ten Minutes Report of the Com: on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans, was
presented by Br. W.E. Jones and on motion received.
The remaining Ten Minutes Reports - reports of Cor: Secretaries, and Committee
on Obituaries failed.
The Hymn 542d beginning
"Christian, see the orient morning"
Breaks along the heathen sky;" was then sung (standing)

The Annual Report of the Com: on Pub: Mor: Rem: Ch: & Infidelity, was
read by Brother Cornelison and after much
debate, it was finally, on the ground that its adoption would be the expunsal of all
the sentiments expressed, rejected.

Brother Platt moved that the term "Africans"
in the designation of the Com: on "Soldiers, Sailors and Africans," should be restricted to include only those in our own country, whether slaves or free - and those more
or less connected with emancipation and colonization. But the Chair decided
the motion (the motions) out of order, it coming more properly under the juris-
diction of the Board of Managers.

On motion, the Society adjourned with Prayer by
Brother Whilden.

Edwin Theodore Williams.

Recording Secretary.

Oratory April 8th 1852. 2 o'clock P.M.

Society met and was opened with Prayer by Brother McKinley. (Vice President in the Chair).

Minutes of the last Regular meeting were read and adopted.

Minutes of the Board of Managers were read and approved.

Bro G. C. Fleming was elected member of the Society.

Cor: Sec: of Soc: read two letters, one from the "Young Men's Miss Society, of Mercer University, Penfield, Ga— the other from Rev. I. W. Miller of Texas—

In the absence of Cor: Sec. of Com: on For: Miss— the Recording Sec. of Soc, read a letter from Brother D. A. Wilcox, of the Alexander High School Selma—

Cor: Sec: of Com: on Dom: Miss, with the Com: on Obituaries, and the Ten Minutes Reports, all failed—

The Society united in singing the 110 Psalm— 1st Part · beginning— "Thus God the eternal Father spake."

When, on previous motion, the annual Essay of the Com: on Bible Work and Religious Education was read by Brother Mosher.

On previous motion, Brother Clements, read part of a private letter, from the Rev E. W. Dodd Missionary at Salonica—

On Com: to prepare an Obituary of Brother Cummings— the Chair appointed Messrs Cleghorn, Cameron & Criswell—

* Brother I. Jones called the attention of the Society to the failure of the Board of Managers in having their regular meetings of late, owing to their inability of getting a quorum also Brother Heath called attention to the state of the treasury—

On motion, the Society adjourned with Prayer, by Brother Woodhall.

Edwin T. Williams.
Recording Secretary.

* This paragraph, by motion of the Soc. stricken out.

Oratory May 1st 1852. 8 ½ o'clock A.M.

The Society met and was opened with Prayer by Brother Symmes. In the absence of the V. President Brother Safford was called to the Chair.

The Society then entered into the annual Elections which resulted as follows.

James M. Platt	President
Samuel Hodge.	V. President.
Wm E. Jones.	Rec. Secretary.
A. G. Symmes.	Cor. Secretary.
R. McMullin, jr	1st Assistant

Some misunderstanding then existing, the chair decided that tickets containing the names of nominees, alone should be counted all others being equal only to blanks. An appeal being made from this decision, the Society sustained the appeal and the Election proceeded.

S. M. Brown.	2d Assistant
G. L. Mott.	Treasurer
S. L. Frierson.	Librarian.
E. D. Munkin	Keeper of Cabinet
A. P. Forman.	Standing Committee.
S. A. Cornelison.	
S. M. McMullin.	

On motion, the Elections were suspended, and the Society adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Oratory May 1st 2 o'clock P.M. 1852.

The Society met and was opened with Prayer by Br S. M. Moore. Upon the motion of Brother Moore the Boy Lads were suspended and the following members gentlemen were chosen members of the Society. Messrs. T. Hempstead. C. F. Preston. D. C. Graham, and T. Gilmour.

The Elections of the morning was again resumed which resulted as follows.

A. G. Symmes.	Annual Orator &
A. B. Morse.	Alternate.
T. Hempstead.	Annual Essayist &
S. M. Osmond.	Alternate.

The Committee appointed in the morning to nominate Monthly Essayists for the ensuing year- namely Mssrs Platt & Forman & Symmes- Reported as follows-

For September	Mr. Loewenthal.
" October	" I. Jones.
" November	" Babbitt.
" December	" Sickels.
" January	" Emerson.
" February	" Mott.
" March	" Brown.
" April	" Preston.
" May.	" S. McMullin.

The Minutes of the last Regular Meeting was read, and with the recorded amendments- accepted.

The Minutes of the Board of Managers was read and with the recorded amendments, accepted.

The Cor. Sec. of Soc- Coms on For. & Dom. Miss- together with all the Ten Minutes Reports- and the annual report & minutes of the Standing Committee- all Failed.

On the Com on Obituary of Brother Graham- Brother Safford appointed as at the March meeting of the Board of Managers- see their minutes- and in consequence of his 2nd leaving the Seminary resigned his appointment in line of a successor.

The remaining Com's on Obituaries failed to report.

"Hymn 550- beginning-
"Sing to the Lord in grateful strains"
was then sung by the Society- when the

Annual Report of the Com on For. Miss, was read by Brother Safford- and on motion accepted. under

Miscellaneous business- Brother Kirkpatrick was appointed to take Brother Safford's place- on the Obituary of Brother Graham- and on the obituary of Br Cummings, Brother Forman was appointed in place of Br Leighorn, (left)

Brother Platt moved that the annual meeting of the Soc. be held on the last Thursday evening of the session. - Carried -

The Society adjourned with prayer by Brother Brown

Edwin S. Williams- Rec. Sec-

Anniversary Meeting.

Seminary Chapel May 18th 1852.

The Society met and was opened with an Anthem by the Hastings's Society, and prayer by the Rev. Dr Neil. The Annual Essay was then read by Mr John M. Baker, Subject "The Spirit of Inquiry & of Missions, what constitutes it, or wherein does it consist."

Hymn 554, beginning—

Great God, the nations of the earth
Are by creation thine;"

was then sung by the Hastings Society— and was followed by the Annual Oration— by Mr J. Kirkpatrick, jr. Subject— "Progress of the age" "race." The Chant, entitled "The Missionary's Call" and beginning—

"My soul is not at rest—"

was then sung, and the Society adjourned with the Doxology, and benediction by Dr Addison Alexander.

Edwin T. Williams.
Recording Secretary.

Oratory. Thurs. Eve. Sept. 14th 1852

Called Meeting. Society met pursuant to a call of the President, and was opened with prayer by Mr Forman.

Election of New Members. The President in the Chair Stated that the meeting was called to elect New Members—
The following persons were proposed, & on motion, duly Elected Members;—

Names—

Barnes,	Edmonds,	Pratt,
Batchelder.	Ellenwood,	Reardon,
Buckner,	Hinsdale,	Rendall,
Brown W.Y.	Jewett,	Skillman,
Carrol,	Malcom,	Symmes M.
Chapin—	McCauley,	Wescott—

Hymn The Society then united in singing Hymn 344
On motion adjourned. Closed with prayer by Mr Markham.
W. E. Jones. Rec. Secretary.

Oratory, October 1st 1852 – 2 O'clock P.M.

Society met, and was opened with prayer by Mr W.Y. Brown.
President in the Chair.

Minutes. Minutes of the last regular Meeting of last Session (May 1st); also those of the Anniversary Meeting; also those of the Called Meeting, Sept 14th, were read & accepted.

Election New Members. The Election of New Members being in order, the following persons were proposed and elected.

Messrs;

Lübkert	Heberton,	Beggs,	Foote,
Munday,	James,	Gray,	W. Junkin,
Porter,	Mathers,	Giltner,	Withrow,
Graham,	McKnight.		

Cor. Sec. of Soc. Cor. Sec. of Society failed to report.

" " " For. Miss. Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Missions reported through Mr Nevius, (the 1st Ass't Cor. Sec.) a letter sent to the Rev. J. A. Wilson, Africa, and one to Rev. P. J. Gulick, Oahu, Hawaian Islands: Also one rec'd fr. the Rev. Mr Rankin, Ningpo, China

" " " Dom. Miss. Cor. Sec. of Com. on Domestic Miss. reported no letters rec'd or written.

Bibles, Tracts &c. "Ten Minutes Report" of Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Relig. Education, was read by Mr Dietterich, and on motion accepted.

Pub. Mor. &c. Ten Minutes Report of Com. on Public Morals, Romish Ch. and Infidelity, was read by Mr Samuel Hodge, and on motion accepted.

The other Ten Minutes Reports all failed.

Hymn. The Society then united in singing the 548th Hymn, — beginning, "Zion's King shall reign victorious."

Under

Min's B'd Managers. Miscellaneous business, the Sec. read the Minutes of the "Board of Managers".

Appeal as to the Read. Room. Mr Markham appealed from the decision of the Board of Managers deciding that the Reading Room shall hereafter be closed on the Sabbath.

After some discussion, the question on the Appeal was taken and lost.

There being no further business, the Soc.

Adjournment. Adjourned with prayer by Mr Collins.

Wm C. Jones,
Recording Sec.

Oratory, Nov. 1st, 1852. — 2 P.M.

Society met and was opened with prayer by Mr Babbitt.
Minutes of the last regular meeting read and accepted.
The Election of new Members being in order, the following persons were proposed & elected: Messrs: Wheat, Montgomery & Marshall.
Cor. Sec. of Society reported no letters written or rec'd.
Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss. reported no letters rec'd, but one written to Rev. H. V. Rankin, Ningpo, China.
The Report of the Com. on For. Miss. was read by Mr Babbitt & accepted.
The other reports all failed.
The Soc. then united in singing Hymn 553, beginning "Arm of the Lord, awake, awake".
The proceedings of the Board of Managers were then read.
The Chairman having decided that the proposed amendments to the Constitution & Bye-laws must constitutionally lie over until the next meeting of the Society, an appeal was made from his decision & lost.

On motion, adjourned with prayer by Mr S. S. Symmes.

Wm E. Jones
Recording Sec.

Oratory, Dec. 1st 1852. 2 P.M.

Society met and was opened with prayer by Mr James.

Minutes. Minutes of the last regular meeting read and accepted.

Elect. New Mem. Mr Gilmour was nominated, and on motion, elected a member of the Society.

Cor. Sec. Soc. Cor. Sec. of the Society read a letter from the Judson Soc. of Inquiry in the Rochester Institute.

" Com. For. Miss. Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss. read a letter from the Rev. S. H. Wight, Shanghai, China.

Bibles, Tracts. Sen minutes report on Bibles, Tracts & Relig. Educat. was read by Mr Graham & on motion accepted.

Sailors &c Sen minutes report on Sailors, Soldiers and Africans was read

by Mr Barnes, and on motion accepted.

Ten. Min. of Pub. Ac. Ten minutes report on Pub. Mor. Rom. Ch. & Infidelity was read by Mr Loewenthal, and on motion accepted.

The other Ten minutes reports failed.

Hymn. The Society then united in singing Hymn 54, beginning, "Behold the mountain of the Lord."

An. Rep. of Dom. Miss. The Annual Report on Domestic Miss. was read by Mr Kelley and on motion accepted.

B'd Managers. The proceedings of the Board of Managers were then read.

Amendment. The amendment to Art. 10th Sect. 4th. of the By-laws, recommended by the Board of Managers, & read to the Soc. at its last meeting, was, on motion, adopted.

Amendment. The amendments to the Constitution and By-laws relating to the Library, proposed in the Board Sept. 30th, were also on motion adopted.

Art. 10th, Sect. 7th of the By-laws was, on motion, suspended

There being no further business the Society Adjourned with prayer by Mr Barnes.

W. E. Jones
Recording Secretary.

Oratory, Dec. 10th 1852 — 5 P.M.

Called Meeting.

The Society met pursuant to a Resolution passed by the Board of Managers at their Special Meeting of the same date.

The proceedings of the Board were read, and an appeal from its action in reference to the sale of the Library books was made to the Society. The Advocate of the Board having stated the grounds of its action in the matter, the appeal was put to the Society and lost.

Sale of the Library books. Appeal.

On motion

Adjourned.

Adjourned,

W. E. Jones
Rec. Sec.

Oratory, Jan.y 1st 1853 — 2 P.M.

Society met — Vice President in the Chair. Opened with prayer by S. G. Symmes. The Rec. Sec.y being absent, the Chair appointed S. G. Symmes.

Minutes. Minutes of the regular meeting Dec. 1st, and of the Called meeting Dec. 10th, — read and accepted.

Cor. Sec. of Soc.y Cor. Sec. read a letter from the Soc. of Inquiry in the Theol. Sem.y at Columbia, S. C.

Com. on For. Miss. Yeas Minutes report of the Com. on For. Missions was read by brother Edmonds, and on motion accepted.

Com. on Dom. — Yeas Minutes Report of Com. on Domestic Missions was read by brother Buckner, and on motion accepted.

Com. on Pub. Mor. re Yeas Minutes report of Com. on Public Morals, Romish Ch. and Infidelity was read by brother McCauley. A motion to accept the report was, after a lengthy and animated debate, lost.

Hymn. The Society then united in singing the 555th Hymn, beginning,

"Blow ye the trumpet, blow."

Min.s of Bd Man.s The proceedings of the Board of Managers were then read.

The being no farther business the Society

Adjourned. Adjourned with prayer by brother Edmonds.

S. G. Symmes
Rec. Sec. pro tem.

Oratory, Feb. 1st 1853 — 2 P.M.

Society met & was opened with prayer by Mr W. F. Junkin.

Minutes. Minutes of the last regular meeting read and accepted.

For. Miss. Yeas Minutes report of the Com. on For. Miss.s was read by Mr James, and on motion accepted.

The other Yeas Minute reports failed.

An. Essay. Annual Essay of the Com. on Domestic Miss.s was read by Mr Fleming, and on motion accepted.

Hymn. The Society then united in singing the 494th Hymn, beginning

"Glorious things of thee are spoken."

Adjournment. There being no farther business the Society Adjourned with prayer by Mr Armstrong.

W. E. Jones, Rec. Sec.

Oratory, March 1st, 1853.

Society met, — Vice Pres. in the chair. Opened with prayer by Mr Armstrong.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Election. On motion Mr H. B. Chapin & Mr E. N. Crane were elected members of the Society.

Cor. Sec. of the Society failed to report.

Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Missions reported no letters received or written.

Cor. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Miss. failed to report.

Ten minutes Report of Com. on For. Miss. was read for W. E. Jones, and on motion accepted.

The other ten minutes reports all failed.

Monthly Essay. The monthly Essay of the Com. on Dom. Miss. was read by Mr Edmonds, & on motion accepted.

The Society then united in singing the 491st hymn, beginning "Lo! what a glorious sight appears"

Annual Report. Annual Report of the Com. on Pub. Mor., Romish Ch. & Infidelity was read by Mr Louwenthal, and on motion accepted.

Min. Bd Man. The proceedings of the Board of managers were then read.

There being no farther business the Society Adjourned with prayer by Mr Pendall.

S. Jones.
Sec. pro. tem.

Oratory, April 1st 1853

Society met. — Vice Pres. in the Chair. Opened with prayer by Mr P. McMullin.

Minutes — Minutes of the last regular meeting were read & adopted.

Cor. Sec. of Soc. — Cor. Sec. of the Society reported that a letter had been received from Mr Bunting of the last Class, & also one from East Windsor, Conn.

Cor. Sec. For. Miss. — Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss. reported no letters rec'd or written.

Ann. Resp. Dom. M. — Annual Report of Com. on Domes. Miss. was read by Mr Fleming, & on motion accepted.

Hymn. — The Society then united in singing the 492d Hymn beginning,

"Daughter of Zion, from the dust
Exalt thy fallen head;"

Bd Managers. — The proceedings of the Board of Managers were then read.

There being no further business, the Society Adjourned with prayer by Mr Smith.

P. Jones
Rec. Sec.

Oratory, May 2d 1853.
11 O'Cl. A.M.

The Society met and was opened with prayer by Mr Hinsdale.

Annual Election — The Society then entered into the Annual Election of Officers which resulted as follows:—

A. G. Symmes	President
A. B. Morse	V. President
P. McMullin	Rec. Secretary
H. G. Hinsdale	Cor. Secretary
J. M. Edmonds	1st Ass't. Cr. Sec.
H. B. Pratt	2nd Ass't " "
C. H. Skillman	Treasurer
J. Loewenthal	Keeper of Cabinet.

(over leaf.)

S. N. McMullin E. D. Junkin W. M. Blackburn	Standing Committee.

S. N. Pendall	Annual Orator
C. A. Malcom	Alternate
S. Loewenthal	Annual Essayist
W. F. Junkin	Alternate

Monthly Essayists — The Committee appointed to nominate Monthly Essayists for the ensuing year, reported as follows:—

For September	Mr S. N. McMullin
" October	" Malcom.
" November	" R. McMullin
" December	" Buckner.
" January	" W. F. Junkin
" February	" Heberton.
" March	" Graham.
" April	" Barnes.
" May	" Skillman.

On motion the above report was accepted.

W. C. Jones.
Rec. Sec.

Oratory, May 2nd - 1853 - 2 P.M.

The Society met & was opened with prayer by Mr Pendall.

Minutes. — Minutes of the last regular meeting (April 1st) were read & on motion accepted.

Cor. Sec. — Cor. Sec. reported no letters read or written.

" " F. Mis. — Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss. reported that a letter had been sent to the Rev. J. V. Wright, Shanghai, China, and one to the Rev. Geo. McQueen, Africa.

Ar. Rep. Dom. — Annual Report of Com. on For. Miss. failed.

Ten Minutes' Reports all failed.

Bd Managers — The proceedings of the Board of Managers were then read.

Treasurers — The Treasurer then read his Annual Report, (to be found in the Minutes of the Board of Managers), and on motion it was accepted.

The report of the Keeper of Cabinet was read and on motion accepted, & the thanks of the Society returned to the donors.

St. Com. The Standing Com. also made its annual Report, and on motion it was accepted.

Obituary of Mr Smith. Mr Williams being about to leave the Seminary moved that Mr Malcom be appointed to take his place on the Obituary of Mr Smith. The motion was carried.

Obituary of Mr Byers. It was moved that the Chair appoint a Com. to write the Obituary of Rev. Mr Byers. The motion being carried, the following Gentlemen were appointed, - Messrs Barnes, S. Jones and Malcom.

The Society then Adjourned with prayer by Mr Loewenthal.

W.m E. Jones.
Rec. Sec.y

First Church (Pres.), May 5th 1853

Anniversary Meeting.

The Society met and was opened with an anthem by the Hastings Society, and prayer by the Rev. Dr Wilson.

Anthem

An. Essay. The Annual Essay was then read by Mr Thomas Hempstead, - Subject, "Christ & Mahomet."

Hymn. Hymn 378, beginning,

"All hail the power of Jesus' name",

was then sung, - followed by the Annual

An. Oration Oration, by Mr Joseph G. Symmes, - - - - - -
Subject, - "Why has not Christianity triumphed?"
The Anthem, beginning,

Anthem "Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born king",

was then sung by the Hasting Society. The Society then

Adjournment. adjourned with the benediction by the Rev.d Dr Plumer.

W.m E. Jones.
Rec. Sec.y

Oratory, Tuesday Evening
Sept. 13th 1853.

The Society met, pursuant to a call of the President and was opened with prayer.

New Members. The President stated that the meeting was called to elect new members -

The following gentlemen were proposed, and on motion duly elected -

Messrs -

Mackay	Armstrong	Clark
Brown	Nixon	Bower
Jennison	Williamson	Brooks -
Kempshall	Stewart	

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Gray

R McMullin
Recording Sec'y.

Oratory, Oct. 1st 1853. 2 o'clk. P.M.

The Society met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Graham -

Minutes. The minutes of the Anniversary, last regular, & called meeting of Sept. 13th, were read & adopted.

New members The following gentlemen were proposed as members of the Society, and on motion, duly elected - viz -

Messrs.

Avery	Law	Pearse
Chaney	Layman	Stattram
Hodge	Manning	Wells
Kerr	McGilvary	Wilson -
	Mills	

Cor. Sec. Soc. The Cor. Sec. of the Soc'y reported no letters received or written -

" " F. M. The " " of Com. on Foreign Missions reported no letters written - and one received from Rev. C. C. Baldwin of Fuh-Chau, China, which was read.

" " Dom. M. The Cor. Sec. of Com. on Domestic Missions reported no letters received or written -

Com. For. Miss. The ten minutes report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Mr. C. H. Malcom, and accepted.

Com. Dom. Miss. The ten minutes report of the Com. on Domestic Missions was also read by Mr. C. H. Malcom, and accepted.

Com. Rep. B.T. & R.E. The ~~ten minutes~~ annual report of the Com. on Bibles, Tracts and Religious Education, failed.

Com. S.S. & A. The ten minutes report of the Com. on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans was read by Mr. Barnes, and accepted.

Com. P.M. R.C. & I. The ten minutes report of the Committee on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity, failed.

Hymn. The Society then sang Hymn 373d commencing -

"Awake, and sing the song
Of Moses and the Lamb."

Board managers M. Concert Essay. The minutes of the Board of Managers were then read -

On motion - a Committee, consisting of Messrs. S. McMullin Barnes & was appointed to nominate an Essayist for Monthly Concert in February, in place of Mr. Heberton, he being absent from the Seminary.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. S. McMullin.

R. McMullin
Rec. Sec.

Oratory, November 1st 1853. 2 P.M.

The Society met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Barnes

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

New members. The following gentlemen were proposed as members of the Society, and on motion, duly elected - viz.

Messrs.

Barkley	Hopkins
Blauvelt	Mc Elroy
Frottingham	Reynolds
Gayley	Thompson -

Rep. Com. F.M. The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions, reported letters written to Rev. J. L. Mackey, Coinsco, - Rev. John L. Nevius Ningpo - Rev. Mr. Janvier, Lodiana - & Rev. E. T. Williams Coinsco -

Ann. Ess. C. F. M. The Annual Essay of the Com. on Foreign Missions was read by Mr. J. G. Symmes, and accepted.

Rep's failed - The 10 minute reports of the Com's on Domestic Missions, on Bibles, Tracts & Relig. Education - on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans - failed -

Rep. C. P. M &c. The 10 minute report of the Com. on Pub. Morals, Rom. Church & Infidelity was read by Mr. C. H. Foote & accepted.

Psalm 72nd The Society then united in singing the First part of the 72nd Psalm -

The Minutes of the Board of Managers were then read.

Obituary Book On motion - the Obituary book was placed in care of the Secretary of Society.

Resignation - The President tendered to the Society, the resignation of Mr. H. H. Smith, which was on motion accepted.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Moseley -

R McMullin
Rec. Sec'y.

Oratory, December 1st 1853. 2 P.M.

The Society met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Malcom.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Election new mem. Mr. D. D. Sahler was proposed as a new member, and on motion was duly elected -

Rep. C. F. M. & S. The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported letters written, one to Rev. C. C. Baldwin, Fuh-chau, China - & one to Rev. John Edwards, Choctaw Nation -

" C. F. M. The ten minutes report of the Com. on Foreign Missions was read by Mr. H. P. Pratt, & on motion, accepted -

Ann. rep. C. D. M. The Annual report of the Com. on Domestic Missions was read by Mr. C. H. Malcom, & on motion accepted -

Rep. C. P. M. & R. & C. The ten minutes report of the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity was read by Mr. Lorenzo Westcott, & on motion accepted -

Hymn The Society then sang the 577th Hymn -

The Minutes of the Board of Managers were then read -

Monthly Consecrt Essayist-

The Committee previously appointed, nominated Mr. C. W. Foote in place of Mr. E. P. Herberton as Monthly Essayist for February — who, on motion was elected —

Read of Constitn-

The Constitution of the Society was then read by the Secretary, in accordance with Article X. Sect. 7 of the By-Laws.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. McElroy —

R McMullin
Rec. Sec'y —

January 2nd 1854 — No quorum — R McMullin. Sec'y —

Oxford, February 1st 1854.

The Society met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Randall —

Minutes-

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read, and after amendment, adopted —

New member-

Mr. John Fraser was proposed and elected a member of the Society —

Rep. Cor. Sec. of Com. on F. Miss.

The Cor. Sec. of Com. on Foreign Missions reported letters written — to Rev. Jno. Anderson, Free Church Mission at Madras — Rev. S. Mattoon, Siam — Rev. Wm Clements, Corisco, Africa — and to Hon. Walter Lourie, on business. — Letters received — from Hon. Walter Lourie — from Rev. J. K. Wright, Shanghae, China and from Rev. John Edwards, Choctaw Mission — which were read before the Society —

Rep. Com. on P. M. R.C. &c.

The ten minutes report of the Comte on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity was read by Mr. J. Aspinwall Hodge, & on motion accepted —

On motion the report of the same Committee for January was read by Mr. E. Libkert —

Hymn-

The Society then united in singing Hymn 559th —

The minutes of the Board of Managers were then read —

Excuse.

On motion, Mr. Edmonds gave his excuse for failure to present the Annual Essay on Domestic Missions —

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. W. F. Junkin -

R McMullin
Rec. Sec'y -

Oratory, March 1st 1854 - 2 P.M.

The Society met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. J. G. Wells -

Minutes — The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted -

Letters written — The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions, reported a letter written to Rev. Geo. W. Coan, Oroomiah, Koordistan -

Rep. C. F. M. — The ten minutes report of the Com. on For. Missions was read by Mr. R. A. Brown, & on motion, accepted -

" C. D. M. — The ten minutes report of the Com. on Dom. Miss. was read by Mr. H. R. Avery, & on motion accepted -

" C. B. T. & R. E. — The ten minutes report of the Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Relig. Educ" was read by Mr. T. M. Hopkins, & on motion accepted -

" C. S. S. & A. — The ten minutes report of the Com. on Soldiers, Sailors, & Africans, was read by Mr. John Kelly, & on motion, accepted -

Ann. Rep. C. on P. M., R. C., & I. — The Annual Report of the Com on Public Morals, Romish Church, & Infidelity, was read by Mr. J. H. Nixon, & on motion accepted -

Psalm 148 - The Society then sang the 148th Psalm, part 6th -

The Report of the Board of Managers was then read -

Com. on Minutes — The Report of the Special Committee of the Board of Managers, on the minutes of the several Committees of Inquiry, was then read -

Rev. Dr. Duff. — The Rev. Alexander Duff D. D. was on motion, elected an Honorary Member of the Society -

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. S. G. Law -

R McMullin
Rec. Sec'y -

Oratory, April 1st 1854 – 10 o'clock A.M.

Called Meeting –

The Society met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Fraser –

Byelaws sus=pended – On motion, Sec. 1, Art. X – of the Byelaws was sus=pended, and the regular business of the Society was then taken up – to give the Society an opportu=nity to attend the funeral of Mrs. Prof. Green –

The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Cor. Sec. Soc. The Cor. Sec'y of the Society reported that correspondence had been opened with the Society of Inquiry, con=nected with the University at Lewisburg, Pa –

" " C.F.M. The Cor. Sec'y of the Com^e on Foreign Missions reported a letter written to Rev. Lewis Grout, of the Amer=ican Board, Missionary among the Zulus, at Umsunduzi, S. Africa – and a letter received from Rev. P. J. Gulick, Oahu, Sandwich Islands, which was read –

Com. F. M. The monthly report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Mr. John Fraser, & on motion accepted –

" D. M. The monthly report of Com^e on Domestic Miss. was read by Mr. J. D. Reardon – and accepted –

" B.T. & R.E. The monthly report of Com^e on Bibles, Tracts & Relig. Education was read by Mr. E. F. Mundy, & accepted –

Failed – The Annual report of the Com^e on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans failed –

Com. P.M., R.C. & I. The monthly report of the Com^e on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity was read by Mr. J. H. Nixon, and accepted –

Psalm 118th The Society then sang Psalm 118th, 3rd part –

The minutes of the Board of Managers were then read –

Adjourned – with prayer by Mr. J. C. Graham –

R McMullin
Rec. Sec'y –

Oratory, May 1st 1854 - 11 o'clock A.M.

The Society met & was opened with prayer by Mr. Armstrong -

Annual Election. The Society then entered into the Annual Election for Officers, which resulted as follows -

Lorenzo Westcott	President
Edwin R. Bower	V. President
Horace G. Hinsdale	Recording Secretary
Charles H. Malcom	Corresponding Secretary
Henry B. Pratt	1st Assistant Cor. Sec.
Charles R. Mills	2nd " " "
Charles H. Skillman	Treasurer
Ernst C. H. Lübkert	Keeper of the Cabinet
Everard Kempshall, Charles R. Mills, J. Aspinwall Hodge	Standing Committee
J. Howard Nixon	Annual Orator
J. L. Pearse	Alternate
Everard Kempshall	Annual Essayist
Charles H. Skillman	Alternate -

On motion - Messrs. Skillman, Bower & Stewart were appointed to nominate Essayists for the Monthly Concerts during the coming session -

Adjourned with prayer -

R McMullin
Rec. Sec.

Oratory, May 1st 1854 - 2 o'clock P.M.

The Society met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Reardon -

Minutes. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read, and adopted -

Rep. Cor. Sec. The Cor. Sec. of Society reported a letter received from Rev. Mr. Arilson of Illinois, which was read - Also reported a letter written to East Windsor Theological Seminary, Conn.

Obituary - The Obituary of Rev. Thomas Smith jr. was read by Mr. C. H. Malcom and accepted -

Ann. Rep. C.F.M. The Annual Report of the Com^e on Foreign Missions was read by Mr. A. B. Morse & adopted -

Rep. C.D.M. The monthly report of Com^e on Dom. Missions was read by Mr. A. L. Armstrong & accepted -

" C.B.F.&R.E. The monthly report of Com^e on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education was read by Mr. A. H. Mathes & accepted -

" C.P.M.R.C.&I. The monthly report of the Com^e on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity, prepared by Mr. W. Frothingham, was read by Mr. L. Westcott & accepted -

Psalm 117. The Society then sang Psalm 117^th, part 1^st.

The report of Board of Managers was then read -

Rep. St^d Com^e The Report of the Standing Committee was presented and accepted - (See minutes of Board)

" Treasurer The report of the Treasurer was presented & accepted -

R. Room papers. On motion of Mr. I. H. McMullin, the papers in the Reading Room, with the exception of the Freeman's Journal, New York Observer, Primitive Baptist were ordered to be given to Rev. Mr. Pearson, Missionary of the Marine Bible Society of N. York, for distribution, in place of being sold as usual -

M. Concert Essayists The Committee appointed in the morning, nominated as Essayists for Monthly Concert -

For October	Mr. E. C. H. Lübkert
" November	" I. R. Gayley
" December	" J. M. Edmonds
" January	" J. A. Hodge
" February	" I. G. Law
" March	" T. M. Hopkins
" April	" E. D. Mackey
" May	" A. L. Armstrong

The Annual report of the Cor. Sec. of the Committee on Foreign Missions was then read by Mr. C. H. Malcom -

(see over)

On motion - the thanks of the Society were tendered to the President & Recording Secretary -

Adjourned with prayer by the President -

R. Mc Mullin
Rec. Sec'y -

First Presbyterian Church
May 4th 1854 -

Anniversary Meeting -

The Society met, and was opened with an Anthem by the Hastings Society, followed by Prayer by the Rev. T. V. Moore D. D.

The Annual Essay was then read by Mr. Isidor Loewenthal - Subject - "India" -

Hymn 563rd was then sung -

The Annual Orator (Mr. Isaac N. Rendall) being absent on account of sickness, the Oration prepared by him was read by Mr. Lorenzo Westcott, - subject, - "Religious Liberty" -

Hymn 558th was then sung - after which the Society adjourned with the benediction by the Rev. James M. Mc Donald -

Robt. Mc Mullin
Recording Secretary -

Theo. Sem. Sept. 18th 1854.
7 o'clock P. M.

The Soc. met pursuant to the call of the President, who opened the meeting with prayer.
The following gentlemen were then nominated & elected members of the Soc.

Messrs. Brewster	Hinds
Simmons	Gordon
Boyd	Harlow
Scott	Ogden
Leach	Gamble
De Veuve	Ferrier.

After a closing prayer by Mr. R. McMullin, the meeting adjourned.
Horace G. Hinsdale
Rec. Sec.

Theo. Sem. Princeton, Oct. 2d '54.
The Soc. met at the usual hour. Mr. Gayley offered an introductory prayer, after which the minutes of the last regular, anniversary, and special meeting were read and accepted.
The following gentlemen were elected members of the Soc.

Messrs. Frothingham	Morrick
Tillworth	Luckett
Kennard	Dodder
McElroy	Caffrey
Cameron	Johnson
Chandler	Hall

The Cor. Sec. of the Soc. reported no letters received. Letters have been written to Societies at the following institutions, viz:- Theo. Sem. of the Prot. Epis. Ch. Va., Univ. at Lewisburg, Pa., Mt. St. Mary's College Md.

Theo. Sem. Newton Mass, Brown Univ. R. I.

The Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Mis. reported a letter received from the Rev. J. L. Nevius, Ningpo, China, which was read.

A motion was now brought forward by Mr. Edmonds, that the vote by which the report of the Cor. Sec. of the Soc. just presented, was adopted, be reconsidered.-

Decided out of order.

Cor. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Mis. reported no letter written and none received.

The Monthly Report of Com. on For. Mis. was read by Mr. Mackey and accepted.

That of the Com. on Dom. Mis. by Mr. Avery, and accepted.

The Com. on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans failed to report.

Mr. J. L. Pearse presented the monthly report of the Com. on Rom. Cath., Pub. Mor., and Infidelity, which was on motion, accepted.

After a hymn had been sung, the Rev. Mr. Wight of Shanghai, China, in compliance with the invitation of the Board of Managers made an interesting statement relative to the political and religious condition of the Chinese Empire.

The Com. on Bible, Tract and Religious Education failed to present an annual Report.

The Report of the Board of Managers was then

read.

Mr. Edmonds appealed from so much of the Report as sanctioned the course pursued by the Rev. Sec. in opening a correspondence with a Roman Catholic institution.

Mr. Edmonds having defended his appeal, the Advocate of the Board, Mr. Nixon, was heard in reply.

On motion the by-laws were suspended for ten minutes in order that the Rev. Sec. might have opportunity to explain the grounds of his procedure.

On motion the By-laws were suspended for one hour, to allow free discussion on this question. Remarks were made by Messrs. Edmonds, McCauley, Nixon, and others.

During the debate Mr. Hodge appealed from the President's decision that the acceptance by the Board of Managers of the Secretary's report, sanctioned the correspondence opened by him which appeal was lost.

On motion of Mr. Jewett further discussion of the question before the meeting was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Soc.

Mr. Wentworth was nominated and elected a member of the Soc.

Mr. Mather moved that the Secular papers in the reading room be sold at auction in lieu of being granted to the Maine Bible Soc.

Decided out of order.

Rev. Mr. Wright offered a closing prayer, when the meeting adjourned.

Abram Graham Hinsdale
Recording Sec.

Princeton Theo. Sem. Nov. 1st 1854

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Boyd. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted.

Moved by Mr. Kean that the Consideration of unfinished business be postponed until the conclusion of the regular exercises of the Soc.

It was moved as an amendment that for the words "until the Conclusion" &c., be substituted the words, "until after the reading of the Annual Essay of the Com. on Foreign Missions".

The motion as amended was passed.

New members were elected as follows —

Messrs.

Mc Lean	Fine
J. Y. Mitchell	Kehoe
Powell	Mc Millan
Seeley	Taylor

The Cor. Sec. of the Soc. reported letters received from

"The Washington Square Soc. of Friends - Phila". —
"Rev. J. McCaffrey D.D. — Mt. St. Mary's College - Md". —
"Young men's Christian Association - N.Y. City."

Letters written to

"Washington Square Soc. of Friends - Phila" —
"Rev. J. K. Wight - Kingston N. J."
"Rev. Jos. Warren - Albany N.Y."
"Young Men's Christ" Associ" - N.Y. City."
"The Moravian Clergyman at Bethlehem Pa."
"Enoch Lewis, Ed. of Friend's Review - Phila".
"Soc. of Inq. - Union Theo. Sem. N.Y. City."
"Baptist Theo. Sem. Georgetown Ky."
"Danville Theo. Sem. Ky."
"Soc. of Inq. - St. Timothy's Hall, Balt. Co. Md."
"Rabbi M. J. Raphael - N.Y. City."
"Soc. of Inq. - Theo. Sem. - Geneva Switzerland".
"Soc. of Inq. - Divinity Hall, Edinburgh - Scotland".
"Soc. of Inq. - Wesleyan Univ. Middletown, Conn."
"Soc. of Inq. - Ohio Wesleyan University."
"Soc. of Inq. - Baptist Theo. Sem. Rochester, N.Y."

"Sec. of Mg. - Andover Theo. Sem. Mass."
"Rev. L. M. Rand - N.Y. City."

The Sec. was on motion requested to read together with the letters received, an abstract of the letter written by him to the students of Mt. St. Mary's College.

The Corr. Sec. of Com. on For. Mis. reported a letter written to the Rev. Jno. Edwards, Wheelock, Chickasaw nation.

Also one received from the Rev. P. J. Gulick, Sandwich Islands, which was read.

The Corr. Sec. Com on Dom. Mis. reported letters written to

Rev. J. D. Cowen - Washington, Miss.
Rev. S. Hodge - Abington Va.
Rev. A. M. Robertson - Wisconsin
Rev. J. T. Umsted - Iowa
Rev. J. A. Clayton - Mich.
Rev. J. A. Brown - Ohio

Monthly Rep. of Com. on Dom. Mis. read by Mr. McElroy - accepted.
Of Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education, by Mr. Gillmer - accepted.
Of Com. on Soldiers, Sailors, & Africans, by Mr. Jennison - accepted.
Of Com. on Pub. Mor. Romish Ch. & Infidelity, by Mr. Mills - accepted.

After the singing of the 543d Hymn, the Annual Essay of Com. on For. Mis. was read by Mr. Malcom - accepted.

The business postponed from the last meeting - viz. the discussion of Mr. Edmond's appeal - was then taken up.

On motion the by-laws were suspended and twenty minutes allowed for general discussion.

This time having expired, it was moved that one hour be appropriated to this debate - Carried.

Mr. Nixon presented the following Resolution — that when the vote on this question is taken, the Ayes and Noes be recorded. Carried.

Mr. Kendall moved that the business now under consideration be laid over until the next meeting of the Soc. As an amendment it was moved that the postponement be until eight o'clock this evening. Lost

The question on Mr. Kendall's motion was put, and lost.

The question on Mr. Edmonds' appeal from so much of the Report of the Board of Managers, dated Sept. 30th 1854, as sanctioned the Order passed by the Corresponding Secretary in opening a Correspondence with a Roman Catholic institution — was then taken, as follows —

Ayes — Messrs. Avery, Kenney, Hopkins, Beggs, De Venne, Kempshall, Manning, Gordon, Peake, Batchelder, Mills, Armstrong, Wrane, Ogden, Kendall, Mackey, Hall, McElhinny, Reardon, Jennison, Pratt, Buckover, McElroy, Williamson, Simmons, Reynolds, Tuttwork, Sahler, Fine, Dodder, Edmonds, Cameron, Symmes, Mundy. — 34.

Noes — Messrs. Fraser, Malcom, Boyd, Taylor, Jewett, Nixon, Scott, Lichtert, McCauley, Hodge, Blamelt, Morcock, Killman, Gilliter, Gamble, Brewster, Southwest, Westcott, Hinsdale. -19

So the appeal was sustained.

On motion, the Soc. adjourned to meet again at 8 o'clock.

Horace G. Hinsdale
Recording Secy

Wednesday, Nov. 1st '54 - 8 o'clk P.M.
Prayer was made by Mr. Reardon.
The Sec. read the Reports of the last regular and Special meetings of the Board of Managers.
Mr. Manning appealed from a resolution passed by the Board at its regular meeting, expressing the entire satisfaction of the Board with the Correspondence opened with Mt. St. Mary's College, and its results.
The appellant having stated the grounds of his appeal, Mr. Kittman was heard in defence of the Board.
The President, requesting Mr. Buckner to take the Chair moved that the decision of this appeal be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Soc.
During the discussion of this motion, Mr. Wilson appealed from the decision of the President — Mr. Westcott having resumed his seat — that Mr. Manning's appeal must be sustained in order to put a full stop to the Correspondence with Mt. St. Mary's College. The ground taken in opposition was, that the decision of Mr. Edmonds' appeal rendered further action needless.
The decision of the Chair, however, was affirmed.
The question on the motion to postpone was then put. Lost.
Mr. Manning's appeal was sustained.

Mr. Mills now appealed from the Report of the last regular meeting of the Board of Managers, in so far as it sanctioned the Corr. Sec. in opening Correspondence with the "Washington Square Soc. of Friends, Phila."; with "Enoch Lewis, Ed. of Friends' Review, Phila."; and with "Rabbi M. J. Raphaell, N. Y. City."
The appeal was defended by its mover.
Mr. Edmonds moved a postponement until the next regular meeting of the Soc. Lost.

The Advocate of the Board then spoke.
At this stage of the proceedings the remarkable discovery was announced that the Quarter in question was of that harmless division known as "Orthodox". — a simple fact before overlooked doubtless, or unheeded.
Leave was therefore granted to the appellant to withdraw that part of his appeal having reference to "The Friends."
The Society refused to allow one hour for discussion of the remainder of the appeal.
The question on the appeal was put, and decided in the negative: —

See minutes of Jan. 17th.

Mr. Mills presented another appeal, viz. from the action of the Board in subscribing for the Roman Catholic Missionary Annals.
The Advocate of the Board replied to the arguments of Mr. M.
The Society refused to allow any time for general discussion.
On motion, the vote on this appeal was ordered to be recorded.
The request having been duly made for the reduction of the appeal to writing, it was read, as follows —
"An appeal from the action of the Board in subscribing for the Missionary Annals at Five Dollars per Year. Ground — the price".
The Chair decided that no such action as here specified had been taken by the Board.
Mr. Mills appealed from this decision, but the Chair was sustained.
Miscellaneous Business was now in order. Mr. Kempshall asked leave to resign his appointment as Annual Essayist of the Society.
The resignation was on motion accepted.

Mr. J. Killman offered his resignation as Mr. Kempshall's alternate. On motion, accepted Mr. Lehr. Howard Malcom was elected Annual Essayist.
Mr. Nixon moved the suspension of the By-laws, & the election of the Alternate Essayist by the voice. Carried.
H. G. Hinsdale was chosen Mr. Malcom's alternate. There being no further business, the Soc. adjourned after prayer by Mr. Buckner.

Horace Graham Hinsdale
Rec. Sec.

Princeton, Dec. 1st 1854 —
The proceedings were commenced with prayer by Mr. Brewster. The minutes of the last meeting having been read, Mr. Edmonds moved the rejection of the sentence Commencing "At this stage of the proceedings the remarkable discovery" &c.; also of the clause reading as follows: "The Jews apparently being deemed either less dangerous friends or more contemptible enemies than the Roman Catholics".
A division of this motion was ordered; and the question having been put separately as to each passage, was in both instances decided in the negative.

Messrs. Nord and Westervelt were elected members of the Society.

The Cor. Sec. of the Soc. reported 5 letters received and 14 written. (For the names see Minutes of Bd. of Managers for Nov. 24th.) Letters were read from Rabbi Raphaell, Rev. Mr. Jacobson and others.

The Corr. Sec. of the Com. on For. Mis. reported letters sent to
Rev. Jno. L. Nevius – Ningpo, China.
Rev. Geo. O. Barnes – Allahabad, India.
Letters received from
Rev. Lui Janvier, Lodiana, India,
Rev. J. L. Mackay – Corisco, Africa.

Mr. Crane read the monthly report of the Com. on For. Mis. — accepted
Mr. Reynolds that of the Com. on Bibles, Tracts and Religious Education – accepted.
Mr. Morrell that of Com. on Sailors, Soldiers, and Africans – accepted.
Mr. Jewett that of Com. on Public Morals, Rom. Cath. and Infidelity – accepted.

The 572 hymn was then sung. —

The Com. on Dom. Mis. failed to present an Annual Report. A motion to accept a monthly report instead was lost.

The Report of the Bd. of Managers was read.

Mr. Blauvelt moved, under the head of Miscellaneous Business, that the vote by which the Society refused to reject the second of the two passages from the minutes of the last meeting to which objection was made, be reconsidered.
It was resolved that the consideration of this motion be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Soc., to be discussed as unfinished business of the present meeting.
Mr. Jewett moved a vote of thanks to Rabbi Raphall for his interesting letter. This motion was amended so as to include the other persons from whom letters were received during the past month, and as amended carried.

After prayer by Mr. Stewart, the Society adjourned

Horace Graham Hinsdale
Rec. Sec.

Princeton Jan. 1st, 1855.

As there was no quorum present at the hour appointed for meeting, it was on motion resolved that the Soc. do adjourn to meet on Monday Jan. 8th, 1855, at 7 o'clock P.M.

Chas. A. McMillan
Sec. Pro Tem.

Princeton Jan. 8th 1855

The Soc. met at 7 o'clock P.M.
After prayer by Mr. McElroy, the minutes of December 12th & Jan. 1st were read and accepted

On motion of Mr. Mather the consideration of unfinished business was postponed until the conclusion of the regular business of the meeting

The Cor. Sec. Soc. reported one letter written and twelve received - also a list of letters proposed to be written during the coming month. (The particulars will be found in the proceedings of the Board of Managers, Jan. 6th)

The Monthly Report of Com. Dom. Mis. was presented by Mr. Lewis, and adopted.
That of Com. on Pub. Mor. Rom. Cath. & Infidelity by Mr. Ferrier, & adopted.

Hymn 57 was sung.

The Annual Essay of Com. on Sailors Soldiers & Africans was read by Mr. Mather & adopted.

The Minutes of the Board of Managers were

then read.
Mr. Bower appealed from so much of the minutes as stated the rejection of Mr. Mills' motion to strike from the Rep. of the Cor. Sec. whatever related to the Spiritualistic meeting in Phenix Hall, Philada.
The ground of this appeal was represented to be an incorrectness in the record of the President's calling vote.
The President explained his vote.
The appeal was sustained

Mr. Bower appealed from the action of the Board in approving the sending of a letter to Rev. Mr. Peaks by the Cor. Sec.; the Board not having previously given permission to write said letter.
Mr. Kempshall was requested to act as Advocate of the Board.
The appeal was sustained

The business left unfinished at the meeting of Dec. 1st. was then taken up. For the precise state of the question, see minutes of that meeting.
The question on Mr. Blauvelt's motion to reconsider was then taken. It was decided in the negative, the President holding that a majority of ⅔ of the votes cast was requisite.
Mr. Kempshall appealed from this decision of the Chair. Lost. —

Under the head of Miscellaneous business, Mr. Hopkins made some inquiries relative to the right of the Cor. Sec. to dispatch letters without first submitting them to his assistants for their approval.
The Cor. Sec. replied

There was now a call for adjournment, which was carried. Prayer was offered by Mr. Kempshall. The Soc. then adjourned.

Horace D. Hinsdale
Rec. Sec. —

Princeton Jan. 14th 1855 —

Special meeting — Prayer was made by the President.

The Recording Secretary asked leave to remove from the minutes of Nov. the passage which was the theme of discussion at the last meeting of the Soc. — No objection was made.

One of the members having inquired as to the other passage occurring in the same minutes, to wh. exception had been taken, the Secretary replied that although the vote, at the meeting of Dec. 1st, refusing to reject this passage was a decisive one, he would nevertheless, in deference to the views of a large portion of the Society, ask leave to remove this passage also from the minutes — Objection, however, was made.

An adjournment was now called for. — Lost.

Mr. Kempshall moved that a Com. be appointed to revise the by-laws, and report their proceedings to the Board of Managers at its next meeting — Carried.

It was moved that this Com. be chosen by ballot. — Carried.

It was on motion resolved that the Com. consist of five members.

Messrs Kempshall, Gayley, Bowen, Hinsdale, and Batchelder were elected.

Mr. Hinsdale at his own request was

allowed to withdraw in favor of the gentleman having the next highest number of votes.
Mr. Slade was accordingly added to the Committee.
On motion the Soc. adjourned
Horace G. Hinsdale
Rec. Secy

Princeton Theo. Sem. Feb. 1st 1855.
Mr. White opened the meeting with prayer, after which the minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and accepted.

The Cor. Sec. Soc. reported 10 letters written, 14 received — also a list of letters which he proposes to write during the month. The particulars of this report will be found in the minutes of the Bd. of Managers, Jan. 27th.

The Cor. Sec. Com. on For. Mis. reported letters written, none; received, 3.

The monthly report of Com. on For. Mis. was read by Mr. Harlow — accepted. The report was written by Mr. Fraser.

That of Com. on Pub. Tract, Religious Education by Mr. Woodworth — accepted.

That of Com. on Soldiers, Sailors, and Africans by Mr. Ogden — accepted.

That of Com. on Pub. Mor., Rom. Cath., Infidelity by Mr. Gordon — accepted

The members now united in singing the 42d Psalm, 2d part.

The Com. on Dom. Mis. failed to present an annual report. Essay

The minutes of the Bd. of Managers were read.

There being no further business, Mr. R. McMullin, at the request of the President, closed the meeting with prayer.

Horace Graham Hinsdale
Rec. Sec.

Princeton Theo. Sem. Mar. 1st, 1855

Prayer was made by Mr. Hopkins. — The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Cor. Sec. Soc. presented his report, the particulars of which may be found in the minutes of the Board of Managers under date of Feb. 24th.

Monthly Rep. of Com. on Bib. Tr. + Rel. Ed. read by Mr. Caffrey — accepted

That of Com. on Dom. Miss. by Mr. McGilvary — accepted

The Rev. Mr. Mackey of the Presbyterian mission at Corisco, Africa, being present, was on motion, invited to address the Society. Mr. Mackey then made some interesting statements relative to African Missions.

The 49th Hymn was sung.

Mr. Hillman read the Annual Report of the Com. on Pub. Mor., Rom. Ch., + Infidelity.
Mr. McElroy moved the rejection of that part of the Report relating to the Romish Church
The Chair decided that the Report must be accepted or rejected as a whole.
From this decision Mr. Mather moved an

appeal — which was carried
Mr. Millman withdrew the Report, which
withdrawal was decided by the President
to be in order.
Mr. McElroy appealed from the decision
of the Chair — Carried
Mr. Millman moved that the Report be
laid on the table — Lost.
The question was then put on Mr. McElroy's
amendment, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Pratt moved the rejection of that part of
the Report relating to Public Morals —
Lost
The Report as amended was adopted.

The minutes of the Board of Managers were
read.

The Soc. adjourned, after prayer by Mr.
Lohaney.

Horace Graham Hinsdale
Rec. Sec.

Princeton Theo. Sem.
April 2d 1855

Prayer was made by Mr. Simonton. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Cor. Sec. presented his report, the particulars of wh. are found in the minutes of the Bd. of Managers, Mar. 31st '55.

The Cor. Sec. com. on For. Mis. reported four letters written.

The monthly report of Com. on Pub. Mor., Rom. Cath., and Infid., was read by Mr. Jennison.
Accepted

Hymn 559 was sung.

The minutes of the Bd. of Managers were read.

Mr. Kempshall appealed from the action of the Board in rejecting certain proposed amendments of the By-laws.
Mr. Killman defended the Board.
Mr. Kempshall moved the postponement of the consideration of the appeal until the next meeting of the Soc.
Lost
Mr. Liddell moved that the By-laws be suspended one hour, to afford opportunity for discussion
The appeal was sustained

Mr. Hodge moved that the amendments be considered separately. - Carried

The first amendment was then read, and laid before the meeting for its action During the discussion thereon the President decided that the amendment could not be adopted but by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.
Mr. Kempshall appealed.
The decision of the Chair was sustained.

Majority of 2/3 necessary to carry on Appeal.

Mr. Kempshall moved that the business now before the Soc. be postponed until the 1st of May. Lost.
Mr. Manning moved that the meeting adjourn until 8 o'clock this evening. Lost
Mr. Sahler moved that the meeting do now adjourn - Lost
A motion was made to cut off further debate on the amendment. Lost.
The question was then taken on the first amendment. Decided in the negative
On motion of Mr. Manning a record of the vote was ordered. It is as follows;-
Ayes:- Messrs. Armstrong, Fine, Mills, Kempshall, Pearle, Manning, Wilson, Stewart, Senir, Pratt, Hopkins, Batchelder. 12
Noes:- Messrs. Gillner, Reardon, Taylor, Morcock, Harlow, Edmonds, Liebkert, Gordon, Sahler, McElkinny, Simonton, Blannett, Jennison, Millman, Woodworth, Malcom, Hodge, Hinsdale Nesbeatt. 19

Mr. Reardon was requested to offer the closing prayer. The Soc. then adjourned.
Horace Graham Hinsdale
Rec. Secy.

Princeton, May 1st 1855

The Soc. met at 11 o'clock A.M. to elect officers for the coming year. The result of the balloting was as follows:-

President,	Mr. S. R. Gayley
Vice-president,	Mr. J. L. Peake
Recording Sec'y,	Mr. O. O. Sadler
Corresponding "	Mr. E. Ferrier
1st Assistant Rec. Sec,	Mr. J. F. Brewster
2d " " "	Mr. Lehar. R. Mills
Treasurer,	Mr. Wm Hinde *
Keeper of the Cabinet,	Mr. J. F. Jennison
Standing Committee,	Messrs. Manning
	Boyd
	Armstrong
Annual Oration,	Mr. L. S. Fine
Alternate,	Mr. E. Ferrier
Annual Essayist,	Mr. J. A. Hinkle
Alternate,	Mr. W. V. Leech

Messrs. Hinsdale, Millman, and Edmunds were appointed a Com. to nominate Essayist for the Monthly Concert meeting of the next session.

On motion adjourned.

Horace G. Hinsdale
Rec. Secy.

Princeton, May 1st 1855

Regular meeting -

After prayer by Mr. Lorane, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted.

On motion of Mr. Edmonds, the unfinished business of the last meeting was postponed until the regular time for the consideration of miscellaneous business.

The Cor. Sec. of the Soc. presented his Report, the details of which may be found in the minutes of the Bd. of Managers, Apl. 28th.

The monthly report of the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church, and Infidelity, was read by Mr. De Venne. Accepted

Hymn 378 was sung.

The annual report of the Com. on Foreign Missions was presented by Mr. Pratt.

Accepted.

The minutes of the Board of Managers were read.

Mr. Hodge presented the annual Report of the Standing Com.

Accepted

The Treasurer of the Soc., Mr. Hillman, read his annual report, which was on motion accepted

Mr. E. Siebert, the Keeper of the Cabinet, presented his annual report. Accepted

These reports will be found in the minutes of the Bd. of Managers, under date of Apl. 28th.

The Com. appointed to nominate monthly essayists reported as follows: -

Essayist for October,		Mr. Mills
" " November,		Stewart
" " December,		Boyd

Essayist for January, Mr. Brewster
" " February, Mr. Caffrey
" " March, Fenner
" " April, Kehoe
" " May, Gordon

The Committee hope that these gentlemen will not imitate the bad practice, so prevalent hitherto, of neglecting this duty

H. G. Hindale
C. H. Hillman
J. M. Edmonds

Mr. Howe through Mr. Hindale tendered his resignation of the office of Treasurer of the Society, to which he was this morning elected. The resignation was on motion accepted, and a new election ordered, which resulted in the choice of Mr. Archibald S. Stewart

The unfinished business of the last meeting was then taken up. The amendments to the By-laws not acted upon then, were severally rejected.

Moved by Mr. Carroll — That a vote of thanks be presented to the retiring President and Recording Secretary. Carried.

By Mr. Armstrong — The same to the Keeper of the Retainer. Carried.

By Mr. Hodge — The same to the Corr. Secy. &c.

By Mr. Nixon — The same to the Treasurer. &c.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Horace Graham Hindale
Rec. Secy

Princeton, May 3d 1855.

The Anniversary meeting of the Soc. was held in the 1st Presbyterian Church at 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Annual Essay was read by Mr. Chas. A. Malcom. Subject – "Christian Conquests".

Mr. J. Howard Nixon delivered the Annual Oration, taking as his theme, "The Nature and the Nobleness of Ministerial Consecration".

The singing was conducted by the Harling Society. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Hodge and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Dr. McDonald.

Horace G. Hinsdale
Recording Secy.

Princeton Seminary, Oct. 1st 1855.

The Society met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Fergus. By a request of the Faculty of the Seminary, on motion the Society adjourned, to meet on Tuesday Oct. 2d.

Edsall Fergus
Recording Secy Pro. Tem.

Princeton Seminary, Oct. 2d 1845.

Pursuant to a former Resolution, the Society met, and was opened with Prayer by Mr Boyd.
The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and accepted.
The following gentlemen being then nominated and elected Members of the Society

Members.	
Willard	Mc Laren
Hedges	Stewart
G. Nixon	Hoagues
Bryson	Mc Dougal
Jackson	Spencer
Sickles	Lorane
Loudit	Baker
H.C. Alexander	Garret
Broadhead	Falk
A. Simonton	I. Simonton
King	Kelso
Buttis	Roberts
Reed.	Young.
Johnson	Edgar
H.S. Alexander	Lowrie?

The Cor. Sec. of Society presented his report, the particulars of which may be found in the Minutes of the Board of Managers under date of Sept. 29th.

The Cor. Sec. of Committee on Domestic Missions reported ten letters written and one received.

At this stage of the proceedings, a communication was received from the American Whig Society, intending an invitation to the members of the Seminary to attend the funeral of C. J. Harrison.
Mr Nixon moved that the invitation be accepted and that the Society adjourn until four O'clock. Motion Carried and Society adjourned.

Edsall Ferrier, Rec. Sec'y. Pro. Tem.

Princeton Seminary Oct. 2 1855.

The Society met at four O'clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment.

Monthly report of Committee on Domestic Missions was read by Mr J. Wilson — accepted.

The Committee on Sailors, Soldiers & Freedmen failed to report. Report of Com. on Foreign Missions was read by the Boys for Mr Mills — Report accepted.
The report of the Committee on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity being called for, Mr Ferrier, Pres. by instructing from the Committee, stated that the report failed by reason of the sickness of Mr Lewis, the Reporter.

Mr Cameron read the report of the Committee on Bibles, Tracts and Religious Education — report accepted.

The 286 Hymn was Sung.

The minutes of the Board of Managers were read.

The Society now proceeded to the election of First Assistant Cor. Sec., which Office had been made vacant by the absence of the Secretary from the Seminary. The election resulted in the choice of Mr J. Wilson.

There being no further business, Mr Armstrong at the request of the President closed the meeting with prayer.

Edward Ferrier
Recording Sec'y Cor. Com.

Princeton November 1st 1853.

The Society met and was opened with prayer by the President.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The following gentlemen were then nominated and elected members of the Society:

Messrs. R. Alexander — Forbes
Hubbard — J. G. Thompson.
M. C. Wilson

The Corr. Sec. of Society presented his report, the particulars of which may be found in the Minutes of the Board of Managers under date of Nov. 1st.

The Corr. Sec. of Committee on Foreign Missions reported one letter received — from Mr Valentine, Missionary among the Indians.

The Corr. Sec. of Committee on Domestic Missions reported three letters written:

1st Rev. D. G. Law, Osage, Mitchell Co. Iowa —
" Rev. Thomas H. Drummond, Washington Iowa —
2d Rev. S. Woodbridge California —

The Monthly Report of the Committee on Domestic Missions was read by Mr Avery — Accepted.

Of Committee on Bibles, Tracts and Religious Education by Mr Gamble — Accepted.

The Com. on Sailors, Soldiers, and Africans failed to report.

The Report of the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity was read by Mr Fine — accepted.

The annual Spay of the Com. on Foreign Missions failed.

At this stage of the Exercises, an invitation was extended by the President to Rev. Mr Williams, a returned Missionary from California, to address

the Society. Mr Williams made some interesting statements respecting the present religious Condition of California – the strength and prospects of the Presbyterian Church &c.

The Minutes of the Board of Managers were then read.

Miscellaneous business being in order, on Motion, Messrs Mills, Stewart & J. Wilson were appointed a Committee to nominate monthly Speakers for the months of January & February. The Committee nominated Mr Bottingham for January and Mr Garrett for February. On Motion of Mr Stewart these Gentlemen were elected Speakers. Mr de Russe offered his resignation as member of the Society, which was accepted.

The 67th Psalm was Sung.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Mr Williams, after which the Society adjourned.

Edward Ferrier
Recording Sec'y Cor. Sem.

Princeton Seminary Dec 1st 1855

Society convened and was opened with prayer by Mr Mackey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Miss W S Mitchell and J K Lenox were elected members of the Society

The Cor. Sec. of Soc. reported 10 letters received – and six written – the addresses of which may be found in the Minutes of the Board of Managers under date Nov 24th 1855.

The Cor Sec of Com on Foreign Missions presented his report – the particulars of which are in the Minutes of Board of Managers Nov 24.

The Cor. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Missions failed to report.

Mr Wilson read the 10 Minutes report of Committe on For. Missions which was accepted.

On motion of Mr Manning the exercises of the Soc were suspended to hear an address from Dr Bettelheim Missionary from Japan.

The Dr stated the principles upon which he acted among the Japanese, and gave a brief representation of the difficulties to be encountered, and the measures he adopted to gain access to their minds.

The 10 Minutes Report of the Com. on Bibles tracts and Religious Education was then read by Mr J.C. Mitchell and accepted

On Motion of Mr Mills the exercises were suspended, to appoint a committee, to draft up resolutions with reference to Dr Bettelheim:—

Amended — That the committee confer with the faculty of the Seminary —

Motion as amended carried.

Messrs McGilvary J.C. Mitchell and Mills were appointed on the committee by the Chair.

Mr McKinney read the 10 Minutes Rep of the Com. on Pub. Morals — R. Ch. & Infidelity — which was accepted

The Annual Report of Com. on Commissions failed —

The Minutes of the last meeting of Board of Managers were then read and accepted

Miscellaneous Business —

Mr Jennison read letters with reference to the papers in the Reading Room — from Rev F.R. King and Mr Brien —

Complaint was made that the Tribune was not put on file as soon as received from the P. Office also that papers were mutilated by being separated by the fingers

On motion of Mr McMillan the Soc returned to the Item of Reception of Members — Messrs. Telford and McEwen were then Elected Members of Soc.

This being the third monthly meeting of the year, the Pres. in accordance with the regulations of Soc, called for the reading of the Constitution

Mr Cheney interposed with a motion that the

reading be postponed - Mr Hodge amended by adding until next meeting - Amendment accepted -
Motion as amended - carried.

Motion was made to adjourn and carried -

The Soc. united in singing the 100 Psalm, after which the Soc was closed with prayer by the President

D. D. Sahler
Rec Sec

Princeton Seminary Feb 1st 1856

Society convened and was opened with prayer by Mr McLaren - Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted

The Cor Sec'y of the Soc. reported the following letters received. From the Theol Sem'y Newton Mass.

" " Western " " Allegheny City
" " Walnut Hills " " Walnut Hills Ohio
" " Union " " Va
" " Soc of Inquiry at University of Lewisburgh Pa -

The Cor. Sec'y of Com. on Foreign Missions reported no letters written or received -

The Cor Sec'y of Com on Domestic Missions reported as registered in the Minutes of the Board of Managers Jan'y 26 1856

Mr Mills gave an oral 10 Minutes Report in behalf of the Com. on Foreign Missions. Accepted

A 10 Minutes Report of the Com on Bibles Tracts and Relig's Education was read by Mr Woodworth & accepted

Mr Cowick read the 10 Minutes report of the Committee on Soldiers Sailors & Africans which was accepted

Mr Jewett read 10 Minutes Report of the Com on Public Morals Romish Church & Infidelity - prepared by Mr Geo. Nixon, who was absent temporarily from the Seminary Report was accepted

The Minutes of the last Special, and last Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers was then read.

Mr Jewett appealed from the action of the Board in taking the Phil Ledger in the place of the Evening Bulletin

A call was made for the suspension of the By Laws to discuss the appeal. Lost -

The appeal was upon vote of the Soc sustained

The President decided that the question as to what paper must be taken in place of the Bulletin, must be referred to the Board of Managers.

Mr Nelson appealed from the decision of the President upon a vote of the Society the chair was sustained.

Mr Mills moved that the Board be requested to take the North American in the place of the Bulletin. Carried.

It was moved by Mr Hubbard, and seconded. That the letter reported as having been received from the Union Theological Sem^{y} Va. be returned to the writer, advising him to mend his verse.

The reading of the letter was here called for.

Mr Wilson was requested to read the first draft of the letter which he sent to the Union Theol Semy Va. Remarks were made commending Mr Wilsons letter for its literary merit and Christian spirit.

Mr Barlow proposed to amend Mr Hubbards motion That the Cor. Sec^{y} be requested to return the letter to a member of the faculty of the Sem^{y}, or to a member of the Soc; that the letter be read before the Soc and that they be requested to state whether it is sanctioned by them.

The amendment was accepted, and motion as amended carried.

Mr Stewart moved that Messrs Hubbard Jewett and Mills be appointed to carry out the directions of the motion. amended by the addition of the words. in place of the Cor Sec^{y} Motion as amended carried.

Mr Mitchell moved that a committee be appointed to copy the letter. Motion laid upon the table.

The Pres. called for the reading of the Constitution in accordance with a motion of the last Meeting.

Mr Mitchell proposed to dispense with the reading of the Constitution. Carried.

The Society adjourned after uniting in singing the 78 Psalm.

D. D. Sahler
Rec Sec^{y}

Princeton Seminary Mar 1st 1856

Society convened and was opened with prayer by Mr Willard.

The Minutes of the last meeting were then Read. It was noticed that a letter reported as being received from Walnut Hills Theol Sem^{y} should have been reported from Lane Theol Sem^{y} Walnut hills.

The question was made and minutes accepted.
The Corresponding Sec'y of Society reported no letters written or received.

The Cor. Sec'y of Com. on Foreign Missions reported two letters written, as recorded in Minutes of Board of Managers Feb'y 25th 1856.

The Cor Sec'y of Com on Dom. Missions reported a letter received from Rev Mr Woodbridge Cal. The letter was read by Mr Harlow.

Then followed.

10 Minutes Report of Com on For. Miss by Mr Woodworth accepted
10 " " " " Domestic " prepared by Mr Wilson. accepted
10 " " " " Pub. Tract & Religious Ed. by Mr Baker Acc'd
10 " " " " Soldiers Sail & Africans failed

The Annual Report of the Committee on Public Morals Romish Church and Infidelity was read by Mr Taylor and accepted The Report of the Board of Managers was then read.

Mr Mills reported in behalf of the Committee at the last meeting of society. and read the letter which had been sent to the Union Theo'l Sem'y Va - Carried

On Motion Mr McLaren was appointed as Essayist for the Society at the Monthly Concert in April. in place of Mr Lanier absent from the Seminary -

After Motion for adjournment the society sang the 93 Psalm - and was closed with prayer by Mr Sickles

R. D. Sahler
Rec. Sec'y

Princeton Seminary April 1st 1856

Society convened and was opened with prayer by Mr Garret.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Cor. Sec. of the Society reported three letters received. 1 From Union Theo'l Seminary Va 2 Western Theo'l Seminary. 3 From Union Theo'l Seminary N.Y.

2 written. 1 To the University at Lewisburgh 2d Minn Theo Sem-
N.Y. 3 Branch Evangelical Society Lafayette College.

On motion the regular business
of Soc. was suspended to hear the report of the
committee appointed to correspond with the Minn Theo
Seminary. Va.

The report was accepted and committee
discharged.

The Cor. Sec. of Com on Foreign Mission
failed to report.

The Cor Sec. of Com. on Domestic Mission
reported no letters & two received as reported in the
Minutes of the Board of Managers Mar 29th 1856.

Then followed

10 Minutes report of Com on For Mission by Mr Gamet. accepted
10 " " Dom " failed

Annual essay of Com Bib. Tracts & Rel. Education failed.

Monthly Essay of Com. Soldiers & Seamens by Mr Ogden accepted

The Report of the Board of Managers
was then read and accepted.

After singing the hymn commencing
Arm of the Lord awake! awake. the society closed
with prayer by Bro Lewis

D. D Sahler

Rec Sec'y

Princeton Seminary May 1st 1856

Society convened and was opened with prayer by
Bro. Powell. In the absence of the Secretary & Cor
Mr Mitchell was elected Sec Secretary pro tem.
Minutes of the last meeting were read and
adopted. The Corresponding Secretary reported
having received written 11 letters viz Union Theo.
Seminary N.Y. and 1 fr Newtown Theo. Seminary. He
also reported having received from Union Theo.
Seminary N.Y and 1 from Edinburgh Scotland. The
letter received from Union Seminary was read.

On motion of Mr McLaren the ordinary
business of the Society be passed over and
we proceed at once to the miscellaneous bus-

Princeton May 1st 1856

The Society met at 11 o'clock A. M. to elect officers for the coming year. Opened with prayer by J. S. Gordon The result of the balloting was as follows.

President Mr I. L. Kehoe
Vice President Mr I. Smith Gordon
Recording Sec'y Mr M. W. Woodworth
Corresponding Sec'y Mr A. A. Edw Taylor
1st Asst Cor. Sec'y. Mr. I. W. Hubbard
2d " " " Mr. L. G. Baker.
Treasurer. Mr I. Smith Gordon
Keeper of the Cabinet. Mr A. A. Haines
Standing Committee. Messrs A. G. Simonton
" I. B. Garrett
" W. G. Roberts
Annual Orator Mr Aug Broadhead
Alternate " A. G. Simonton
Annual Essayist Mr Henry A. Harlow
Alternate " Edw. G. Sickels

Messrs Hubbard, Ferrier, McLaren were appointed a Committee to nominate essayists for the Monthly Concert meeting of the next session. Closed with prayer by Bro. Harlow

A. A. Edw'd Taylor
Rec. Sec'y
(Pro tem)

Princeton Seminary May 1st 1856

Soc. convened and was opened with prayer by Bro. Powell. In the absence of the Secretary J Y Mitchell was elected Secretary pro. tem. Minutes were read and adopted. Cor. Sec. reported having received 2 letters one from the Union Theo. Seminary N Y and one from Edinburgh Scotland, and also as having written 1 to the Union Theo. Sem. N Y and 1 to Newtown Seminary; the one from Union Theo. Sem N.Y. by a call from the Society was read. On motion, the ordinary business of the Society was passed over, and the Society proceeded at once to Miscellaneous business under which Messrs McLaren as Chairman of the Committee to nominate essayests for the Monthly Concert meeting of next Session reported as follows.

Oct.	W L. Mitchell	
Nov –	A. C. Alexander	
Dec –	J. S. Simonton	J W. Stubbard
Jan –	J. G. Cowhick	E. Ferrier
Feb –	W. Powell	D. McLaren
March –	A A. Haines	Comm
April –	W. C. Roberts	
May	Geo. Nixon	

The minutes of the Board of Managers were read and adopted. Mr M W Woodworth appealed from the action of the board in accepting the last clause of the report of the committee appointed to examine the books of the Society of Inquiry and Board of Managers as well as the accounts of the Treasurer and Standing Committee." Mr Woodworth's appeal was sustained. The minutes of the meeting held at 11 o'clk A M were read and adopted. There being no other business before the Society it adjourned with prayer by Bro. Garret.

Jas Y Mitchell. Rec. Sec
(pro. tem)

Anniversary

Princeton May 1st 1856

The Annual meeting of the Society of Inquiry was held this evening in the 1st Presbyterian Church of Princeton.

Mr J Aspinwall Hodge read the Essay

The annual oration was delivered by Mr E. S. Fine.

The singing was conducted by the Hastings Soc.

Rev Dr Philips of N.Y. offered the opening prayer; and the benediction pronounced by Rev Dr McDonald

E. D. Sahler

Recording Sec.

Princeton Theo. Sem. Oct. 1st 1856.

Minutes

The Society met at the usual hour the V. President in the Chair. The opening prayer was offered by Mr Edgar — the minutes of the last Special Regular & Anniversary meetings were read and approved.

New Members

The following persons were then proposed and elected Members of the Society viz. Messrs Hepburn

Lee	Sutphin	Pratt
Taylor N. H.	Singleton	Noarr
Davies	W Morrisson	Merrill
Hickok	Bostick	De Witt
Heydrick	Everett	Dwyer
Mackey	Little	J. W. Morrisson
Gilmour	Anderson	Salmon
Kennedy	Manley	Adams
Ainslie	Mc Cormick	Wells
Proctor	Smith	Wood.
Fenham	Gibson	Paterson
Taylor S. W.C.	Nassau	Campbell

C. R. Clarke and Hinsdale — 58

Cor. Sec. of Soc.

The Cor. Sec. of the Society reported no letters rec'd & none written — Report accepted —

Cor. Sec. For. Miss.

Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss. reported no letters received & none written. Report Accepted.

Cor. Sec. Dom. Miss

Cor. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Miss reported no letters received & none written. Report accepted.

No report on Obituaries —

Rep. Com. For. Miss

The 10. Minutes report from the Com. on For. Miss. was read by Mr Brothingham. Report Accepted.

Dom. Miss failed

10 Minutes report from Com. on Dom. Miss. failed.

Rep. Com. Bibles &c failed

The Annual Report from the Com. on Bibles Tracts & Rels Ed. — failed.

Rep. Com. S. & A. failed

10 Minutes report from the Com. on Soldiers Sailors & Africans — failed —

Rep. Com. Pub. Morals &c

10 Minutes report from the Com. on Rom. Ch. & Infidelity was read by Mr Burtis. Accepted —

The Society then united in singing the

Hymn 554

554th Hymn —

Minutes of Board

The minutes of the Board of Managers were then read —

Miscellaneous Business

Obituaries

Under this order a discussion arose in reference to the Committee on obituaries.
Mr Mitchell moved that the order calling for a report from that Committee be dropped from the Order of Business. Withdrawn –
Mr Seely moved that a Committee on obituaries be appointed – Mr Mitchell L. G. moved to amend by saying that 5 committees be appointed. as 5 Members of the Society have lately deceased –
Motion as amended carried –

Com. on Obituaries

The President then appointed as a committee 1 to prepare an obituary for Bro Boyd –

Messrs House, Frothingham & Westervelt.

For Mr. Blauvelt.

Messrs. Scarborough. Haines & Sutphen.

For Mr. Renz.

Messrs A. A. Taylor, A. G. Simonton & Lee –

Adjournment

There being no further business the Society adjourned –
Closed with prayer by Mr. Haines

W. W. Woodworth
Rec. Secretary

Oratory Nov. 1st 1856.

Minutes

Society met and was opened with prayer by the Pres. Rehoo. Minutes read and adopted.
J. Y. Mitchell acting Secretary Pro tem.

New Members – Clark, Reidey Lower

Messrs Cunningham, Davis, Heagen, Reiley, Reidey Lower, were proposed and elected members of the Society.

Cor. Sec of Soc

Cor. Sec. of the Society reported 1 letter received from Danville Seminary and 7 written as follows.

Letters written

1 to Danville Theo. Seminary
1 " Alleghaney " "
1 " Union " " Va
1 " Lane " "
1 " Columbia " "
1 " Union " " N.Y.
1 " Auburn " "

The letter from Danville

Seminary was read.

For Sec Com For Miss

Corres. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss. reported, No letters written / received from Mr Frazer Damascus Syria. The

Letter of Mr Frazer

letter received was read.

For Sec Dom. Miss

Cor. Sec of Com. on Dom Miss, reported. 6 letters written, 1 recieved, from Mr Wells; this letter was read. Com. on Obituaries reported made no report. Annual Essay

Ann Essay failed

of Com. on For. Miss. failed; through misunderstanding as to time. Ten minutes report of

Mr Osford in place of Ann. Essay

Com. on Foreign Miss. read by Mr Brewster. in place of Annual essay. Ten minutes report of

O M. Rep. Dom Miss

Com on Dom. Missions &c. read by Mr Young. Ten minutes report of

O M. Rep Bibles &c

Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education read by J Y Mitchell for M W Woodworth. * Ten minutes report of

* This report was amended by Striking out that portion in relation to political tracts, after which it was accepted.

Com. of S. Sol. and Africans. failed. Ten min. report of Com

Rep Com S. S. A. failed

on Pub. Mor. Rom Ch. and Infidelity report-

O M. Rep Pub Morals.

read by Mr Burtis. &c &c The Soc. then united in Singing

567 Hymn

the 567 Hymn.

Board of Managers.

The minutes of the Board of Managers were read and adopted.

Miscellaneous Business.

Politics

Mr Mitchell moved that all politics be hearafter kept out of the Society; laid on the table.

Papers given away

Mr Gordon moved that the Religious papers be hereafter given to Mr Peirson for distribution; Mr Brodhead moved that it be amended by requesting Mr Peirson to give us an account of how he dis-

Acc of distribution

tributes them; motion as amended; carried.

Mr Taylor, moved that the Society

Mr Pease

request Mr Pease to address us. carried.

Ann Essay Com. F. M.

Mr Brodhead moved that the Annual essay of the Com. on For Miss, be defered till next month. Carried.

Adjournment — After this the Society adjourned by
Hymn 564 — singing the 564th Hymn and prayer by
Bro. Brodhead.

Jas. H. Mitchell
Sec. pro. tem

Oratory Dec. 1st 1856

Minutes — Society met and was opened with prayer by
Correction — the President. Minutes read and adopted with
New Members. — a correction in reference to the failure of the anual
essay of Com. on Foreign Missions. Messrs Bischer
Rosser and Weidman were proposed and elected
Cor. Sec. Soc. — members. Corresponding Secty of Soc; reported 3
letters received and none written. Those rec'd.
were as follows.

Letters rec'd
1 from Alleghany Theo. Sem.
1 from Union " "
1 " Columbia " " S.C.

Cor. Sec. Com. For. M. — These letters were read. Cor. Sec of Committee
on Foreign Missions no letters received and one
Cor. Sec. Com. Dom. Miss. — written to Mr Pratt of Bogota. Cor. Sec. of
Committee on Domestic Missions reported four
letters written as follows. 1 to Rev. Mr Umpstead
Keokuk Iowa, 1 to Mr Carson Oskaloosa Iowa,
1 to Rev. S. T. Mills Dubuque Iowa 1 to Rev
Obituary — E. L. Dodder Fort Dodge Iowa. Com on Obituaries;
Mr. Blanchett — Mr Haines read an obituary on Mr Blanchett;
which was accepted and transferred to the Standing
Copy sent to family — Committee. Mr Brodhead moved that a copy of it
10 M. Resp. Dom. Miss. — be sent to the family of deceased. Carried. Ten Minutes
report of Committee on Domestic missions was read
10 M. Resp. Bibles, Tracts — and adopted. Ten Minutes report of the Comm.
on Bibles, Tracts and Religious Education was
10 M. Resp. Sol. S. & A. — read and adopted. On Ten Minutes report of
the Comm. on Sailors Soldiers and Africans
10 M. Resp. Pub. Morals — was read and adopted. Ten Minutes report
of Com on Public Morals Romish Church
and Infidelity was read and adopted.

The Society then ~~Standing~~

377 Hymn

Annual Essay & Rep. F. Miss.

Annual Rep. D. Miss.

Reading Minutes

Read Constitution

Reports from Com. on Dom. Miss.

Adjournment

534 Hymn.

Sang the 377 Hymn. Annual Essay of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Mr G Simonton and accepted. ~~Annual~~ Annual report of committee on Domestic Missions was read by Mr Young.

The minutes of the Board of Managers were read and adopted. Under the head of Miscellaneous business, it being the 3rd meeting of the term, the Constitution of the Society was read. A question being raised as to the constitutionality of having two reports from the Com on Domestic Missions read, it was thought advisable to instruct the Secretary to make a minute to the effect, that it was done through mistake; & No other business before the Society it adjourned by Singing the 534 H. and Prayer by Bro Heagen.

Jas Y Mitchell
Sec pro tem

Oratory February 2nd 1857.

The Society met at the appointed time & was opened with prayer by the President.

Minutes

Cor. Sec. Soc.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The Cor. Sec'y of the Society reported 2 letters written one to Jefferson College Penna — &
" " Western Theo. Seminary Allegheny City Pa —
3 letters received
From Jefferson College Pa —
" Western Theo. Sem. Allyheny City Pa
" Auburn Theo. Sem. Auburn N. Y. —

Cor. Sec. F. Miss.

The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported no letters written. One received from the Rev. Thos McCague Cairo Egypt —

Cor. Sec. D. Miss

The Cor. Sec. of the Committee on Dom. Miss. reported two letters written —
to H. M. Giltner Nebraska City N. T
" L. G. Bell Sidney Iowa —
4 letters received
From Rev. J. T. Umsted Keokuk Iowa
" " Irwin Carson Ashkaloosa Iowa

From the Revs D. F. McFarland Elmwood Ills
" " " E. L. Dodder Fort Dodge Iowa —

Obituary Mr Boyd. An Obituary of Mr Boyd was read by Mr Hosier which was accepted & referred back to the committee to be transcribed —

Resp. Com. F. M. The Ten minute report of the Com. on Foreign Missions was read by Mr Woodworth. Accepted

Resp Com. Bibles &c The Minute report of the Com. on Bibles Tracts & Religious Education was read by Mr Edgar Accepted.

Resp Sab. Sail & A. failed The Minute report of the Com. on Sailors Soldiers & Africans failed —

Resp Com Pub. Mor. The Minute report of the Com. on Pub. Morals Rom. Ch & infidelity was read by Mr Simonton Accepted.

404 Hymn. The Society then united in Singing the 404th Hymn.

An Essay F. Miss failed The Annual Essay of the Com. on Dom. Missions failed — Minutes of the Board of Managers were read.

Board of Managers.

Miscellaneous Business

Obit. Copy sent to family of Mr Boyd — Mr Brodhead moved that a copy of the obituary just presented be sent to the family of Mr Boyd Carried.

Adjourned — There being no farther business the Soc. adjourned Closed with prayer by Mr Brodhead

W. W. Woodworth
Rec. Secretary —

Theological Seminary Princeton N. J.
March 2d 1857 —

Minutes The Society met & was opened with prayer by Mr Morrison. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Cor Sec of Soc. The Cor. Sec. of the Society reported no letters written & none received — Report accepted —

Cor. Sec. F. M. The Cor Sec of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported no letters written & none received. Report accepted —

Cor. Sec. D. M. The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Domestic Missions reported no letters received — Two letters written —
One to Rev S. A. McClung St. Pauls Minnesota.
" " " R. J. Taylor Dallas Texas Report accepted —

Mr Rep. F. Mr. The Ten Minutes report from the Com. of For Missions was read by Mr Little & accepted.

Mr Rep. D. Miss failed — The Ten Minutes report from the Com. on Dom. Miss. - failed,

Mr. Rep. Bibles &c The Ten Minutes report from the Com on Bibles Tracts and Religious Education was read by Mr Heagen and accepted.

Mr Rep. Sol. & A. The Ten Minutes report from the Com. on Sailors Soldiers & Aprians was read by Mr Cowlick & accepted.

566 Hymn. The Society then united in singing the 566th Hymn.

Mr Rep Pub. Mor. The Annual Report of the Com. on Public Morals Romish Church & Infidelity was then read by Messrs Nixon Thompson & A.G. Simonton and accepted —

Board of Managers The Report of the Board of Managers was then read.

Appeal by Mr Fine. Mr Fine appealed from the action of the Board in reference to Securing a permanent place for a Reading Room — Mr Roberts the advocate of the Board defended that action —

Appeal sustained The appeal was sustained by a vote of 35 to 13 —

Mr. Haines Resolution Mr Fine then moved to adopt the resolution presented to the Board by Mr Haines - The President decided this motion out of order.

Posts Appeal Mr Post appealed from the action of the Board in reference to the committee appointed in inquiry into the expediency of amending the Constitution & By Laws &c.

ground of appeal The ground of this appeal was that the committee should report to the Society instead of to the President of the Board. Mr Bodhead was appointed to defend the action of the Board - Appeal was not sustained —

Not Sustained It was now moved to return to the order of Nomination & Election of new members — Carried

New Members. Messrs Kerr & Dr Fenn were nominated & elected members of the Society -

Miscellaneous Business —

Mr Haines Resolution — Mr Fine called for the reading of Mr Haines resolution as given in the minutes of the Board of Managers for Feb 28 in reference to the Reading Room, & moved that so much of it as related to the procuring of the Hall at the Refectory for a Reading Room be adopted —

Amendment Mr Mackey moved as an amendment that a committee of three be appointed to procure as a permanent Reading Room the one we now occupy. Motion as amended carried —

Com. on R. Room Messrs Fine, Bustick and Lower were appointed that committee.

Gordons motion — Mr Gordon moved as an expression of the opinion of the Society that in case this Committee fail to secure the room we now occupy, the Society decidedly prefer the Hall of the Refectory to the room under the Chapel for a Reading Room —

To lay on table — Mr McCormick moved this motion be laid on the table.
Lost —

Mr Gordons motion was carried —

Miss. Library — Mr Brodhead moved the appointment of the committee in reference to establishing a Missionary Library in connection with the Society as recommended by the Board of Managers at their meeting Feb 28th — Carried

Comm. Library — Messrs Brodhead Nixon Haines
Burtis and Mackey were appointed
Such Committee —

To amend the Constitution — Mr Gordon moved that the Com. recommended by the Board of Managers "to inquire into the expediency of amending the Constitution & By Laws of the Society be appointed by the President. Carried —

Com. of Inquiry — Messrs Haines. A.G. Simonton Thompson
Fine & Roberts were appointed
that Committee —

547 Hymn — The Society then united in singing the 547th Hymn

Adjournment. — after which closed with prayer by
Mr Davis —

W. W. Woodworth
Rec. Secretary —

Special Meeting
Oratory March 6th 7 Oclock P.M.

The Society met pursuant to a previous call & was opened with prayer by Mr Mackey —

Reading Room. — Mr Fine Chairman of the Com. appointed at the last meeting to secure the present Reading Room, reported that he had had an interview with Dr McGill who stated that the society were liable at any time to be deprived of this Room; that it would probably be cut up into rooms for Students & he further advised that the society do nothing at present in reference to securing it for a reading room —

On motion this report was accepted.

Mr Ford further stated it had been suggested that the Refectory be enlarged & the large Dining Hall be given up for the purpose of a Reading Room &c &c

Refectory.

In accordance with that suggestion he would present the following preamble & resolutions for the consideration of the Society

"To the Faculty & Trustees of Princeton Theo. Seminary -

In behalf of the Students of the Seminary we the undersigned present before your honorable body the following preamble & Resolutions adopted at a meeting held in the Oratory Friday morning March 6 1857 -

Believing that the superior advantages already possessed by our Seminary for the education of young men for the Gospel Ministry might be very much increased by the addition of a Missionary Library & Cabinet, & further believing that an increased number of dormitories is imperatively demanded;

Resolved that we petition the Faculty & Trustees for the permanent use of the large dining Hall of the Refectory together with the two small rooms adjoining, the same to be used by the Society of Inquiry for a Reading Room, Cabinet & Missionary Library & also that the Society have the liberty of refitting them as may be thought proper.

Also that the students be permitted to raise the building another story, the same together with such part of the first floor not petitioned for above to be finished off & furnished for dormitories for the students.

Also that they may arrange the basement into club rooms for boarding (not more than four) & that it together with such other portions of the building as is necessary be under the management of the Students - subject to the approbation of the Faculty"

Motion to adopt

It was moved that these resolutions be adopted -

Heagen's motion.

Mr Heagen moved that the resolutions be considered seperately.

To lay on table.

It was moved to lay these resolutions on the Table. Lost

The Resolutions as a whole & the 1st resolution in particular were discussed at length - Mr Hubbard moved to amend the 1st Res. by striking out that part of it which relates to dormitories,

Question of Constitutional powers.

Mr Simonton raised the question whether the Soc. of Inquiry had the constitutional powers to consider these Resolutions. The President decided that the Society had powers to act in reference to securing a Reading Room but not in

reference to the other matters proposed, & therefore he decided that these resolutions in their present form could not properly come up before the society.

Motion to adjourn withdrawn

It was then moved that the society adjourn. Motion withdrawn.

Mr Clark C.R. presented a paper from Mr Haines & A.G. Simonton explaining the language used by them at the last meeting of the Society.

Mr Mitchell moved that the society adjourn.

Adjournment

Motion Carried & Society adjourned

W.W. Woodworth.

Rec. Secretary

Oratory April 1st 1857.

The Society met & was opened with prayer by Mr W.L. Mitchell.

Minutes

The minutes of the last regular & special meetings were read & approved.

The Cor. Sec of the Society failed to report.

The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on For. Miss. reported no letters written — two received —

One from Rev. Mr. L'Hombal Buenos Ayres S.A.

" " " " Prate Bogota New Granada —

The letters were read & report accepted —

The Cor. Sec. of Com on Dom. Miss reported no letters written — two received. —

from Rev R.T. Taylor Dallas Texas —

" " L.G. Bell Sidney Iowa —

The letters were read & report accepted.

The 10. minutes report of the Com. on For Miss. was read by Mr Morrison and accepted.

The ten minutes report of the Com. on Dom. Miss. was read by Mr Everett & accepted.

The ten minutes report of the Com. on Bibles Tracts & Religious Ed. was read by Mr Fabre & accepted.

The ten minutes report of the Com. on Pub. Morals Romish Ch. & Infidelity was read by Mr Singleton & accepted —

The Society then united in singing the 581st Hymn.

The Annual Report from the Com on Sailors Soldiers & Africans was read by Messrs Nixon Manly & Hubbard and accepted.

The Report of the Board of Managers was then read.

On motion the Society returned to the order of Report of Com. on Obituaries -

Obituaries. An obituary of Mr Reng. was then read by Mr Lee. Mr Gordon moved that this obituary be accepted & referred to the same committee & be transcribed in the obituary Book. & also that a copy of it be sent to the Sisters of the deceased - Carried. There being no further business the Society united in singing the 624th Hymn: "How blest the righteous when he dies" after which

Adjournment. closed with prayer by the President -

W. W. Woodworth
Rec. Secretary

Oratory May 1st 185 7 -

Elections of Officers. The Society met at 11 o'clock A. M. to elect officers for the ensuing year. Opened with prayer by Mr Davies - Messrs Hubbard & Gamble were appointed Tellers - The result of the balloting was as follows -

Tellers -

Result.

Pres. President	Mr. Frazier
Vice President	" Thompson
Recording Secretary	" Forbes
Cor. Secretary	" N.G. Simonton
1st Assistant	" Jackson
2d "	" Mackey
Treasurer	" Smith
Keeper of Cabinet	" Haines
Standing Committee	" Baker
	" Singleton
	" Rasser
	" Hicks
Annual Orator	" Hicks
Alternate	W.J. Morrison
Annual Essayist	" H.C. Alexander
Alternate	" Baker -

To nominate Essayists. Messrs Davies, Simonton & W.S. Mitchell were appointed a committee to nominate Essayists for the Monthly Concert meetings of the next year -

Adjournment. Closed with prayer by Mr Reidy -

W. W. Woodworth
Rec. Secretary

Oratory May 1st 1857 –

2 O'Clock P.M. Regular Meeting –

The Society met & was opened with prayer by Mr Hubbard.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting & also of the Morning session were read & approved.

The Cor. Sec of the Society failed to report –

The Cor Sec of the Com on For Missions reported no letters written none received – accepted

The Cor Sec of the Com on Dom. Miss Reported the same – accepted.

The 10 Minutes Report of the Com. on Dom. Missions failed.

10 Minutes report of the Com. on Bibles Tracts & Religious Education failed –

10 Minutes Report of the Com. on Soldiers Sail. & Afreans was read by Mr Kennedy and accepted.

10 Minutes Report of the Com. on Public Morals Rem. Ch. & Infidelity failed. –

A letter was then read from the Missionary Society of the New College Edinburg Scotland.

The Society then united in singing the 1st Part of the 110th Psalm.

The Annual Report of the committee on For Miss was read by Mr Brottingham and accepted.

Min. Board. Mann. The Minutes of the Board of Managers was then read.

Stewarts question. Mr Stewart raised a question whether the acts of the Board were valid when there was not a quorum present – The President decided that question out of order –

Decided out of order. Appeal from chair. Mr Stewart appealed from the decision of the Chair – Appeal not sustained.

Not sustained. Appeal from Board. Mr Clark C.R. appealed from the action of the Board – asserting that during a part of their session there was not a quorum present – Mr McLaren defended the

Advocate defends. action of the Board. The appeal was

Appeal not sustained. not sustained –

2nd Appeal from Board. Mr Clark C.R. also appealed from the action of the Board in rejecting the "Majority report"

of the Committee on the Constitution.

Grounds stated - Mr Clark stated the grounds of his appeal -

Advocate replies - The Advocate of the Board replied -

Appeal not sustained. The appeal was not sustained.

Miscellaneous Business

Brodhead's motion. Mr Brodhead moved that the Society proceed to the consideration of the "Minority Report" as recommended by the Board of Managers April 25th - Carried -

Motion carried.

Motion to lay on table. Mr Stewart moved to lay that report on the Table - After considerable discussion

Lost. Motion of prev. ques. Mr Fischer moved the previous question. Lost.

To lay on table, lost. The motion to lay on the table was lost -

Motion on Min. Rep. It was moved to take up the Minority Report section by section Carried -

Motion carried. Mr Patterson moved to strike out of the "minority report" all after the word that & to insert that paper called the "Majority Report" Lost -

Lost.

Gordon's motion. Mr Gordon moved that the 1st amendment proposed be adopted - (For these amendments see minutes of Board of Managers for April 1st Special Meeting)

Baker's motion. Mr Baker moved to substitute "two thirds" for "majority" vote - Lost -

Lost.

Gordon's motion carried. The 1st amendment was then adopted by a vote of 35 to 13 -

Amendments adopted. The other amendments proposed in the minority report were then severally adopted.

Essayists nominated. Mr Davies of the Committee appointed to nominate Essayists for the ensuing year reported as follows: Essayists

For	October	James F. Brewster
"	November	J. F. Sunyra
"	December	J. M. W. Farnham
"	January	W. C. Thompson
"	February	Smith
"	March	Chas Manly
"	April	Julius Spencer
"	May	Owen Ruedy

S. Owen Davies
A.G. Simonton
W.S. Mitchell
} Committee

Accepted.

Report accepted.

Motion for new edition of Constitution & By Laws.

Mr Gordon moved that the Standing Committee be directed to have an Edition of 500 copies of the Constitution & By Laws of the Society printed — Carried.

Carried.

Simonton's motion.

Mr Simonton moved that the Standing Com. be directed to wait on the Directors of the Seminary at their meeting in May to secure if possible the present Reading Room

Carried.

Carried.

Motion of thanks.

Mr McLaren moved that the thanks of the Society be presented to the retiring officers.

Carried.

Carried.

Motion of thanks.

Mr Crane moved that the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr Haines. Keeper of the Cabinet — Carried —

Carried.

Anniversary —

It was moved that the anniversary of the Society be held in the 1st Presbyterian Church. Thursday Evening May 7th —

Motion for Com. of arrangements.

Also that a Committee of 3 be appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

Carried.

Carried.

Com. appointed.

Messrs Gordon, H.C. Alexander & Hickok } were appointed that Committee —

Adjournment.

On Motion the Society adjourned closed with prayer by Mr. Hickok.

M. W. Woodworth
Rec. Secretary

S. L. Kyhos
President

— Anniversary —

Princeton May 7th 1857

Anniversary. The Annual Meeting of the Society of Inquiry was held this evening in the 1st Presbyterian Church.

Singing, by the "Hastings Society" Exercises Commenced by singing the Anthem "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings &c —

Prayer. Prayer was offered by Rev Dr Krebs of N. Y.

Annual Essay. The Annual Essay was read by Mr H. A. Harlow.

Subject - Africa —

Singing. Psalm 72d. 2d part was then sung —

Annual Oration. The Annual Oration was then pronounced by Mr. Aug. Brodhead. Subject. "The Missionary work, the true work of Christians."

Singing by the "Hastings Society". Exercises closed by singing a piece Commencing "Christian fellow ed of the God" & the Apostolic

Benediction — Benediction which was pronounced by Dr Hodge —

The singing was conducted by the Hastings Society.

W W Woodworth
Recording Secretary

John L. Lyons
President

Princeton, Oct. 1st 1857.

2 o'clock, P.M.

Society met, & was opened with prayer by Mr. Brodhead. Minutes of the last Regular & Annual Meetings were read & adopted.

The following persons were proposed for membership, & elected. Mayer, Finney, Kugler, Strong, Sulphen, Adams, Lourie, J. M. Patterson, Woods, Quarles, Cochran, Feagles, Finney, McMurray, W. R. Marshall, Butler, Collier, Darnack, Conkey, Mitchell, Thorburn, McGee, Henry, Hooker, Bryant, Dinsmore, Piring, Harrison, Thom, Studdiford, Cook, Mayne, Craven, A. King—Cobb.

Cor. Sec. of the Society reported as follows. No letters written; three letters received, viz, one from the Young Men's Christian Association, N. York City, one from the Brainerd Society of Jefferson College, Pa., & one from the Society of Inquiry of Hamilton College, N.Y. Report accepted & letters read.

The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported no letters received, & none written — Accepted.

The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Domestic Missions reported no letters received, & none written. Accepted —

Ten. minutes report of Com. on Foreign Missions was read by Mr. Post. Accepted.

Ten minutes Report of Com. on Domestic Missions was read by Mr. R. M. Patterson. The time expiring before the reading was finished, Mr. Patterson was allowed by vote of Soc. to proceed. Accepted

Ten minutes Report of Com. on Pub. Morals, Rom. Ch., & Infidelity, was read by Mr. Cunningham. An extension of time was also allowed to this report by special vote of Society.

Report accepted.

The Society then united in singing the 337th Hymn.

The Annual Report of the Com. on Bibles, Tracts, & Religious Education failed on account of the sickness of Mr. Hicken, the Reporter.

The Annual Essay of the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers, and Africans failed through mistake; the time for its presentation having been changed in the latter part of last

session, from April & October, and the Committee being under the impression that the time was in April.

As, however a Monthly Rep. had been prepared by Mr. Gilmore, of this Committee, on motion it was read. The allotted time expiring before it was finished, by special vote, an extension was granted.

The Minutes of the Board of Managers were then read.

Miscellaneous Business

Post's resignation. Mr. Post offered his resignation of membership through Mr. Brewster, who stated in behalf of Mr. Post that he had pressing demands upon his time this session, which would render him unable to attend the meetings of the Society.

accepted. On motion, Mr. Post's resignation was accepted.

Jackson's motion Mr. Jackson moved that the Annual Essay of the Com. on Soldiers, Sailors, & Africans be read next month, by special order. After some discussion,

amendment offered. Mr. Jackson moved as an amendment that the Essay be read at the same meeting as under the old regulation.

second amendment. Mr. Manly offered a second amendment to the effect that the whole matter be dropped as it is, and the Secretary be instructed to record the Committee's excuse in the Minutes.

last amendt carried. Mr. Manly's amendment carried.

motion as amended &c Motion as amended, Carried.

Adjournment. On motion the Society then adjourned.

Prayer by Mr. Kerr.

E. Ferrier
President

A. O. Forbes
Rec. Secretary.

Oratory, Nov. 2nd 1857.

Society met at the usual hour, & was opened with prayer by Mr. Brodhead.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Messrs. Morey, Johnson, Gregory, Blauvelt, & Geomans were proposed & elected to membership.

The Cor. Sec. of the Society reported, no letters received: one written to the Soc. of Inquiry of Madison University, N.Y. Report accepted.

The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported no letters received: one written, to Rev. Mr. Calderwood, Northern India. Report accepted.

The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Domestic Missions reported one letter written to Dr. Happersett, of Phila., requesting information respecting California. A note was received in answer, from S. J. Powel, Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions, stating that Dr. H. was about leaving the city, but hoped, either to be in Princeton, or to give a communication at some future time. Rev. Mr. Williams, of Princeton, has favored us with a communication, giving an account of the Missionary field in California. Report accepted, & Mr. Williams' communication read.

Ten Minute Report of Com. on Dom. Missions was read by Mr. Proctor. Accepted.

Ten. Minute Rep. of Com. on Bibles, Tracts, & Rely. Educa. was read by Mr. Haines. Accepted.

Ten Minute Rep. of Com. on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans was read by Mr. Anderson. Accepted.

Ten minute Rep. of Com. on Pub. Mor., Rom. Ch., & Infidelity was read by Mr. Lee. Accepted.

The Society then united in singing the 553d Hymn. The Annual Essay of the Com. on Foreign Missions was then read by Mr. Simonton, in place of Mr. Jackson, absent. Accepted.

The minutes of the Board of Managers were read.

Miscellaneous Business.

Mr. R. M. Patterson gave notice that he would present an amendment to Mr. Brodheads amendment to the Constitution, as proposed in the meeting of the Board.

Mr. Baker moved to return to the order for considering the Report of the Board. Carried.

Mr. R. M. Patterson then appealed from the action of the Board in subscribing to the "Edinburgh Witness" for one year, and proposed 6 months as the limit of the subscription. The Advocate defended, and Appellant stated the grounds of appeal. Appeal sustained.

Mr. De Witt made an appeal of the same nature in regard to the other papers subscribed for at the last meeting of the Board, and stated the grounds of appeal. Advocate defended. Appeal sustained.

Mr. R. M. Patterson appealed from the action of the Board in regard to carpeting the Reading Room, and stated the grounds of appeal. The Advocate defended.

A division of the house being called on the vote, the appeal was sustained by a majority of 12 to 10.

Mr. Roper appeales from the action of the Board in subscribing for the "Phil. Press." Not Seconded.

On motion, Society adjourned.

Prayer by Mr. Simonton.

A. C. Thompson
Vice President.

A. C. Foibel
Rec. Secretary

Oratory, Dec. 1st 1857.

Society met at the usual hour, & was opened with prayer by Mr. Mayne.

Minutes of last meeting read & adopted.

Messrs Williamson & Barnard were elected members of Soc.

Cor. Sec. of Society reported - three letters written; one to Rev. Dr. Woodbridge, N. Orleans, one to Rev. R. West. Jun., Cincinnati, & one to Rev. Dr. Thompson, Boston. One letter received from the Soc. Inquiry of Danville Theol. Sem. Letter read, & report accepted.

Cor. Sec. Com. on Foreign Missions reported - one letter written to Rev. Jas Frothingham, Choctaw Nation - None received. ——— Rep. accepted.

Cor. Sec. Com. on Domestic Missions reported, no letters received, & none written —— Rep. accepted.

Ten minute Rep. of Com. on For. Missions was read by Mr. Heydrick — accepted.

Ten minute Rep. of Com. on Bibles, Tracts, & Relig. Ed. was read by Mr. Smith for Mr. Hedges, absent — accepted.

Ten minute Rep. of Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans was read by Mr. Manly — accepted.

The Society then united in singing the 564th Hymn.

The Annual Rep. of Com. on Dom. Missions was read by Mr. Duryea, for S. H. Clark, absent, — Accepted.

The Annual Essay of Com. on Pub. Mor., Rom. Ch., & Infidelity failed - As however, a Monthly Report had been prepared instead, Mr. R. M. Patterson moved to suspend the By-Laws so far as to admit it for this time as a substitute for the Annual Essay — Motion lost.

The minutes of the Board of Managers were then read.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. A. King read a letter from Mr. Pierson in regard to the distribution of religious news among seamen, and moved that the grant of the religious papers of the Reading Room for this purpose, be continued to Mr. Pierson during the coming year. —— Carried.

Mr. Kugler presented to the Society an image as a present from Rev. Mr. Orbison, Ambala, India — On motion, it was accepted, & handed over to be placed in the Cabinet.

Mr. Jackson moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare an obituary of Mr. Young — Carried.

Com. appointed, Davies, Jackson, & Lowrey — On motion, the By-Laws were so far suspended as to dispense with the reading of the Constitution at this meeting —

The Society then, on motion, adjourned —

Prayer by Mr. Napaw —

J. C. Thompson — Vice Pres.

A. D. Forbes — Rec. Sec.

Oratory, Feb. 1st, 1858.

Society met at the usual hour, & was opened with prayer by Mr. S. H. Clark.

The minutes of last meeting were read & adopted.

Messrs. S. Smith, & P. A. Patterson were elected members of the Society.

Cor. Sec. of Soc. reported, one letter received, from Pres. Bd. of Foreign. Miss., & three written, viz, one to the Soc. of Inquiry of Danville Theol. Sem., one to the Pres. Bd. of For. Miss., & one to the Am. Bd. of Com. for For. Miss.

Rep. accepted.

Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss. reported, no letters received, & none written — Rep. accepted.

Cor. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Miss. reported, no letters written or received — Rep. accepted.

Fin Min. Rep. of Com. on For. Miss. was read by Mr. McMurray — Rep. Accepted.

Fin Min. Rep. of Com. on Bibles Tracts & Rely. Ed. n. failed —

Fin Min. Rep. of Com. on Sailors. Sold. & Africans was read by Mr. De Votie for Mr. Everitt, absent.

Rep. Accepted.

Fin. Min. Rep. of Com. on Pub. Mor., Rom. Ch., & Infidelity, was read by Mr. Kugler for Mr. Cochran absent. Rep. Accepted.

The Society then united in singing the 563d Hymn.

after wh. the Annual Essay of the Com. on Dom. Miss. was read by Mr. Merrill.

The minutes of the Board of Managers were then read.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. E. P. Wood presented a letter from the students of Newton Theol. Institute; which, on motion, was read & referred to Cor. Sec. of Soc.

Mr. W. T. Morrison stated that Mr. Hickok had, on account of ill health, resigned the office of Annual Orator, thus devolving it upon himself as Mr. H's alternate; & read a communication from Mr. Hickok to that effect. Mr. Morrison therefore desired that the Society would elect

a Principal in place of Mr. Hickok.
Mr. Davies moved that the Society enter into an election for Principal.
The President decided that this motion could not stand unless the Alternate resign.
A motion was made to adjourn; pending which, Mr. Roper moved to return to the order for Miscellaneous Business.
Motion carried.
Mr. Kennedy then moved to take up the Amendment to the Constitution, wh. was laid over from the last meeting — Carried.
After some discussion, Mr. Dr Tolie moved to lay it on the table — Carried.
On motion, the Society then adjourned.
Prayer by Mr. A. C. Alexander —
A. C. Thompson. V. Pres. A. O. Forbes. Sec.

Called Meeting.

Oratory, Feb. 8th, 1858.
Pursuant to a call from a number of the members, the Society met immediately after evening prayers.
Mr. W. J. Morrison asked to be excused from acting as Alternate, under the circumstances.
On motion, his request was granted.
Mr. Davies then moved that Society enter immediately upon an election for Orator & Alternate.
Mr. Tittle moved to amend by substituting for "immediately", the words "to morrow evening".
Amendment Carried —
Motion as Amended — Carried —
On Motion, the Society adjourned to meet immediately after prayers on the next Evening —
A. C. Thompson. V. P. A. O. Forbes. Sec.

Adjourned Meeting —

Oratory, Feb. 9th, 1858 —
Society met according to adjournment, & on entering into an election for Orator & Alternate,

Mr. Davis was elected Orator, & Mr. Lee his Alternate.

On motion, Society then adjourned.

A. C. Thompson, V.P. A. O. Forbes, Sec.

Oratory. March 1st, 1858.

Society met at the usual hour.

The President & Vice President both being absent, on motion, Mr. Roberts was elected Pres. pro. tem.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Roper, & the minutes of the last Regular & Special meeting were read & adopted.

Cor. Sec. of Soc. failed to report.

Cor. Sec. Com. For. Miss. reported, no letters written & none received.

Rep't accepted.

Cor. Sec. Com. Dom. Miss. failed to report.

Trs. Min. Rep. Com. For. Miss. was read by Mr. A. M. Patterson, & accepted.

Trs. Min. Rep. Com. Dom. Miss. was read by Mr. S. D. Smith, & accepted.

Trs. Min. Rep. Com. Bib. Tr. & Rel. Ed. was read by Mr. L. T. Adams, & accepted.

Trs. Min. Rep. Com. Sail. Sold. & Africans was read by Mr. Gilmore, & accepted.

The Society then united in singing the 573d Hymn.

Ann. Rep. Com. Pub. Mor., Rom. Ch. & Infidelity failed.

The Minutes of the Board of Managers were then read.

Miscellaneous Business.

On motion of Mr. Baker, Soc. returned to the order for the Rep. of the Cor. Sec. of Com. Dom. Miss. The Sec. reported a letter received from Rev. E. L. Dodder, of Iowa, which being called for, was read.

Mr. Simonton moved that Sec. 3., Art. III. of the By Laws be so far suspended as to allow the Committees to hold their elections for officers, at the next regular meeting. — Carried unanimously.

On motion, Society then adjourned.
Prayer by Mr. J. M. Patterson.
Wm. C. Roberts. Pres. Pro Tem. A. D. Forbes. Sec.

Oratory, April 1st, 1858.
The Society met in the Oratory, at 11 o'clock A.M., to elect officers for the ensuing year.
Opened with prayer by Mr. A. C. Alexander.
Messrs Mackey & Studdiford were appointed tellers. An election was then held, which resulted as follows.

Pres. — Hickok.
Vice Pres. — Smith. J. D.
Rec. Sec. — Everitt.
Cor. " — Mackey
1st Apist. " " — L. F. Adams
2nd " " " — Cook.
Treasurer — Bostick.
Keeper of Cabinet — Singleton.
Standing Com. — Morrison, Farnham, E. P. Wood.
Annual Orator — Thom.
Alternate " — Geomans.
Annual Essayist — Tittle.
Alternate — Smith J. D.

Messrs. Simonton, Geomans, & Morrison were appointed a Com. to nominate Essayists for the monthly concerts of the next year.
On motion, Soc. adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P.M.
Prayer by Mr. Geomans.

A. D. Forbes, Rec. Sec.

A. C. Thompson.
Vice Pres.

Oratory, April 1st 1858

The Society met at the usual hour, & was opened with prayer by Mr. Baker.

The Minutes of the last Regular Meeting, & of the Morning Session, were read & adopted.

Cor. Sec. Soc. reported, two letters received — one from the A.B.C.F.M., & one from Danville Sem. Letters read & report accepted.

Cor. Sec. Com. For. Miss. reported, one letter received from Rev. Sol. Bottinghaw, Choctaw Nation — Letter read & report accepted.

Cor. Sec. Com. Dom. Miss. failed to report.

Fem. Asm. Rep. Com. For. Miss. was read by Mr. Roper, & accepted.

" " " " Dom. " was read by Mr. Thom, & accepted.

" " " " Bibles, Tracts, & Religious Education was read by Mr. S. D. Smith, & accepted.

" " " " Pub. Mor., Rom. Ch., & Infidelity failed.

The Society then united in singing the 553d. Hymn.

The Annual Report of the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers, & Africans, was then read by Messrs Everitt, Firing, & Kennedy, & accepted.

The Minutes of the Board of Managers were then read.

Mr. De Votie appealed from the action of the Board in suspending the last clause in Art. IX., Sec. 4. of the By Laws. The Appellant having stated the grounds of his appeal, & the Advocate of the Board having defended its action, the question was put & the Appeal sustained.

Mr. De Votie then moved that the members reported to the Board as delinquent, be allowed to retain their standing by paying their dues at any time before the last day of the present Session.

The acting President of the Society being, by the action on the Appeal, declared no longer a member of Society, Mr. Hickok was called to the Chair.

Mr. De Votie's motion, being renewed, was declared out of order by the Chair.

Mr. Morrison appealed from the decision of the Chair.
Appeal lost.
Mr. De Volé then moved a reconsideration of his appeal.
Carried.
Mr. De Volé then renewing the appeal, it was lost.
The Treasurer then presented a Supplemental Report as follows.

" March. 27th	To A. C. Alexander —	Contingent Fee	$1.50
" 31st	" A. G. Simonton —	" "	1.50
" "	" W. P. Teitsworth —	" "	1.50
" "	" J. A. Cobb —	Initiation Fee	1.75
April 1st	" Fines pd. over by the Misp. Librarian		.37½
			$. 6. 62½
	To money rec'd. as per report of Mar. 27th		218. 48
			$. 225. 10½
April. 1st	By order, to Cor. Sec. of Society, for Postage		.66
	" moneys p'd as per report of March 27th		$. 183. 96
			$. 184. 62
	By Cash on hand		40. 48½
"			$. 225. 10½

Report Accepted.
The Chairman of the Com. on Mission Library reported
" The Missionary Library Com. would report that they have purchased Sixty Volumes for the Library, at a cost of Forty Seven Dollars & Forty Five Cents, & an additional cost of One Dollar & Twenty Six Cents for freighlage & postage. There is a balance in the hands of the Com. of One Dollar & Twenty Nine Cents.
The Com. would also report that nineteen volumes have been donated to the Library, making the whole No. of volumes Seventy nine.
Misp. Lib. Com. in a/c with Society of Inquiry.

Dr.	To Cash received from Treasurer		$50.00
Cr.	By Books purchased	$47.45	
	" Fright & postage	1.26	
	" Cash on hand	1.29	
			$50.00

All which is respectfully submitted.
A. Brodhead. Ch.
"
Rep. Accepted.

The Com. to nominate Essayists for the Monthly Concerts during the Coming year, reported the following -

	Essayists	Alternates
Oct.	Caffrey	Finney
Nov.	Butler	Gregory
Dec.	Marshall	Mayer
Jan.	Sulphen	Dayock
Feb.	Hooker	Johnson
Mar.	Patterson. J. M.	Campbell
April.	Cochrane	Patterson. J. A.
May.	Park	Proctor

Rep. accepted -

On motion a Com. was appointed to make arrangements for the Anniversary Meeting - Com. Geomans, Morrison, & Mackey -

The Society then adjourned -

Prayer by Mr. Simonton -

A. C. Forbes - Sec.

J. C. Thompson - Vice Pres.

Anniversary

Princeton. April 22nd 1858.

The Annual Meeting of the Society of Inquiry was held this evening in the First Presbyterian Church.

Exercises commenced with an Anthem by the Hastings Society, followed with prayer by the Rev. S. B. Jones D.D.

The Annual Essay was read by Mr. A. C. Alexander. — Subject. "The Argument from Providence for the final success of Missions; based upon the Contrast between the prospects of Christianity immediately after the ascension of Christ, & the prospects of Christianity in our day."

The Annual Oration was pronounced by Mr. A. F. Lee. — Subject, "The Laws of the Progress of Civilization, as related to the Mission of the Gospel."

Prayer was then offered by Rev. Dr. Thompson, of N. York — & after another Anthem, the Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Hodge.

A. O. Forbes. Sec.

J. C. Thompson V.P.

Theological Seminary Oct 1st 1858

The Society convened at 2 O'clock P.M. & was called to order by the Pres. Mr Manly offering up the opening prayer. Minutes of the last regular & of the Annual meeting read & approved.

The following persons were then nominated & elected members of the Society. viz

New Members

Messrs Coleman. Paine. Janeway Ketchum
Moore (Chester) Pomeroy Polk
Lee. Freeman Corbet Cowan Hayes
Wells Watson Thompson VanDyke McClelway
Waterman Ross Baird Treat Voris
Parsons McKinney Gibson S. Carter J. Carter

Hervey. Mc Ginley Crim Wilhelm Jones
Hart Burrows Randolph Simmons Fuller
N. Dodd Peck S. B. Dood Carpenter Piper
Gamble M. Wood.

Cor Sec of Soc. Cor. Secy of Soc. failed to report.

" " " F. M. " " " Com on Foreign Missions reported no letters written & none received. Report accepted

" " " D. M. Cor. Secy. of Com. on Dom Missions & Revivals reported no letters received, & five written as follows
1 to Rev. Geo B Bergen, one to
1 " " W. F. P. Noble
1 " " W. H. Mc Nair
" " B. N. Lawhelle
" " C. B. H. Martin
Report accepted

Com on F. M. Ten minutes report of Com. on For. Missions failed

" " D. M. " " " " Com on Dom Missions & Revivals read by Mr Mearshall & accepted

" " P. M. R. & S. " " " " Com on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity read by J. H. Smith & accepted.

Singing The Society then united in singing 228 Hymn

Com on B. J. & K. E. Annual report of Com. on Bibles, Tracts, & Religious Education failed.

" " S. S. & Af. Annual Essay of the Com. on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans was presented & read by Mr DeVotie

Min of Board of Managers The minutes of the Board of Managers were then read.

Apeal No I Mr DeVotie appealed from the decision of the Board as expressed in the following motion,
"Moved that the recommendations of the Com. as recorded page 36 (of Minutes of the Board) be adopted as Bye Laws of the Society". He stated the grounds of his appeal, as being that they had no right to adopt only to recommend such adoption.
The Advocate of the Board then stated the grounds of the Board's decision, & the appeal was sustained
Mr Morrison then moved that the matter be recommitted to the Board with instructions to recommend proper action to the Society.
Amendment offered that we recommit the entire minutes. Amendment lost.

Original motion Carried.

Appeal No 2. Mr Davies appealed in regard to the Board proposing an amendment to Art XI of Constitution

After stating the grounds of appeal the advocate explained & Mr Davies withdrew the appeal.

The appeal was then renewed by Mr DeVotie & after substantially the same explanation by the Advocate as to Mr Davies the question on the appeal was put & Lost.

Art 1. §6 Suspended Moved by Mr Everitt that Sect 6 Art 1st of the Bye Laws be suspended in order to bring before the Society an amendment to the Constetion. Motion Carried.

Amendment to Const. Art XI Mr Morrison then moved that Art XI of the Constetution be so amended as to read "forty" instead of "thirty" members. Laid on the table till the next meeting.

Moved that we return to the order of nomination & election of members. Carried

New Member Mr Wines was then Elected a member of the Society.

Moved that we return to the order of reports on Obituaries. Carried.

Obituary on C. H. Young Mr Lowrey from the Com. appointed to draft an Obituary on Charles H. Young presented & read their report which was accepted, & ordered to be transcribed into the Obituary Book

No more business the Society on motion adjourned. Closing prayer by Mr DeVotie.

H. L. Hickok
President

Benjamin S. Everitt
Secretary

Oratory Nov 1st 1858

Society met. Pres in the Chair. Prayer by Mr Bostick

Minutes read — Minutes of last meeting read & approved.

Moved that we take from table proposed Amendment to Art XI of the Constitution Carried

Amendment to Constitution. — Moved that above amendment to insert "fourty" instead of "thirty" members be adopted. Motion Carried

The following persons were elected members

Ruby	Hodge	McClure
Wilson	Hodge	Alexander
Harris	Geiger	Briggs
	Elliot	

Reports

Cor. Secries — Cor. Sec. of Soc. of Inquiry reported no letters written, one received from Rev. Saml R. Baly Shanghae China. Letter read & report accepted.

" — Cor Sec of Com. on For. Missions no letters received, two written as follows

To Rev A. U. Forbes Sandwich Islands

" " Mr Ogden Corisco Africa

" — Cor Sec of Com on Dom. Missions no letters received or written

Com's. 10 min Reports. — Committee of Domestic Missions. Report presented & read by Mr Henry. Accepted.

Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education. Report presented & read by J. D. Smith. Accepted.

Committee on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans. Report presented & read by Mr Bostick Accepted.

Committee on Public Morals, Romish Ch & Infidelity. Report presented & read by Mr Kugler. Accepted.

560 Hymn — Society united in Singing 560 Hymn.

Annual Essay of Com. on For. Missions presented & read by Mr Bostick

Minute of B of Man. — Minutes of Board of Managers then read

Appeal made by Mr Lee from the Boards action in regard to the Atlantic Monthly.

Advocate of Board stated ground of the Boards decision after which Mr Lee withdrew his appeal.

Moved we return to order of Election of new members

new members. — motion carried & Messrs Stewart. Guy Wharey. Beekman & Yeotus were elected

Moved that §2, Art 1st of Bye Laws be suspended in order to introduce a motion to take the Atlantic Monthly. Motion Carried.

Moved that we subscribe for Atlantic Monthly for one year from the time of its discontinuance. Carried

Moved that the same art be suspended that a motion may come before Society to take "The Daily Union" of Washington City. Motion Carried.

Moved that Above paper be taken for six months Carried.

~~Moved~~ That the Society now according to recommendation of the Board of Managers adopt as Bye Laws regulating the Miss. Library, the report of the Committee appointed to make permanent arrangements for that Library viz

1st The Library shall be in charge of a Librarian & one Assistant, who shall be Elected annually, at the regular meeting of the Society of the Soc. of Inquiry in April & shall be exempt from Soc. dues.

2nd It shall be the duty of the Librarian & his Assistant to take charge of all books, documents & other property that may be purchased for, or donated to the Library, to keep a correct catalogue & account of the same, & to record all Books delivered to members of the Soc.

3rd The Library shall be under the supervision of the Board of Managers who at the meeting before the last in each term shall appoint a Com. to examine the Books of the Librarians.

4th The fines to which any members may subject themselves shall be applied to the replenishing & keeping of the Library.

Rules of Necessary Regulations

Rule 1st The Library shall be open on Mondays from 1½ to 2 P. M.

" 2nd No member shall take out more that one book at a time

" 3 No Book shall be kept out more than 4 weeks at a time

" 4 Those failing to return books when due shall be subject to a fine of 12½ cts for the first offence & to an additional fine of 10 cts for every week thereafter. Motion laid on table.

Moved that we adjourn. Carried.

Prayer by Mr Davies

Henry F. Hichols Pres

Benj. S. Everitt Sec'y

Theo. Seminary Dec 1st 1858.

Society convened & was called to order by the President. Opening Prayer by Bro McMurray
Minutes of the last meeting read & approved
Moved. That additions to Bye Laws proposed last week be taken from table & adopted. Carried
Report of Cor. Secy of Soc. failed.
Report of " " " Com on For. Missions
one letter written none received.
Report of Cor. Secy of Com on Dom. Missions failed

Orig Sen Minutes Reports.
That of Com. on For Missions read by Mr Farnham.
That of " " Bibles Tracts & Relg. Education read by Mr Blanchett
" " " " Sol. Sailors, & Africans " " " Bryson
These all accepted.

Annual Reports & Essays.
The Report of Com. on Dom. Missions & Revivals read by Mr Dinsmore
" Essay " " " Public Morals, Rom. Ch. & Infidelity read by
Mr Metcalfe, Its subject "The Credulity of Infidelity"

Report of Board of Managers read,
Appeal made by Mr Rosser in regard to Boards accepting that part of the report of Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Relg. Education which relates to Messrs Caffrey & Risscher
Appeal not sustained.
Mr Manly appealed on report to the Boards acceptance action in regard to that part of the report of the Com. on Dom. Missions & Revivals which relates to Mr Tenney. The appeal not sustained.
The report of the Board of Managers was then adopted.
Under Missellaneous Business the Society listened to some remarks of interest from Rev Mr Williams, (who was present) in regard to Utah & the Pacific Coast.
It being the third meeting of the session, Art IX § 7th of the Bye Laws was suspended.
Moved to adjourn. Prayer by Bro Harris
Jos. F. Heicksk Pres.

Benjamin Smith Everitt Secy.

Theo. Sem. Princeton N. J.
March 1st 1859

The Society met at the usual hour. J. D. Smith Vice President in the Chair. Opening prayer by Bro. Rosser. Minutes of last meeting read & approved. There were the minutes for December 1st 1858, & the Society failed to assemble Feb 1st for want of a quorum.

Cor. Sec. of Soc, reported two letters received one from Rev. J. P. Carter Pres't of Ashmun Institute
" " Soc of Inquiry of Auburn Theo. Seminary
also 2 written
one to. " " " " " " "
" " " " " " Union " "

The letters received were read.

Cor Sec. of Com. on For. Miss reported one letter received from Rev Sheldon Jackson Spencer Mission Choctaw Nation. This was read by request.

Cor. Sec. of Dom Com of Missions failed to report.

Com. on Obituaries reported that they had copied the Obituary on Young deceased in the Obituary Book & returned the same to Secy.

Monthly Report of Com. on For Missions read by Mr Stewart

Monthly Report " " " Dom. "
" by Mr Craven.

Monthly report of " " Bibles, Tracts & Rels. Education. failed

Monthly Report of " " Models, Sailors & Africa and failed.

The Soc then united in singing the 357 Hymn.

The Annual report of Com, on Public Morals, Romish Church, & Infidelity read by Mr Kerr.

The minutes of the last two meetings of the Board of managers was then read & adopted.

Mr Kerr moved that Art I S 6 of the Bye Laws be suspended for this meeting

The last motion being carried. Mr Kerr then moved that the recommendations of the Board of Managers be now laid on the Society's table. This motion carried (See Minutes of Board p. 63.

Moved by Mr Rosser that the persons reported for more than 3 absences from their respective Committees be debarred the use of the Reading Room for two months they are Messrs Lower. Tenney & Singleton

Moved that the Hastings Society be requested to furnish Music on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Soc'y Inquiry

no more business Soc, adjourned.

Praye by Mr Marshall

J. D. Smith Vice Pres.

B. L Everitt Sec'y

April 1st 1839

11 O'clock A. M.

Society met was opened by prayer by Bro J. M. Patterson. The Society then proceeded to the Election of Officers, which resulted as follows.

For President	Dr Kerr
" Vice "	Yeomans
" Rec'y Sec'y	Waterman
" Corresponding "	Cooke
" 1st Asst " "	Cochrane
" 2d " " "	Timms
" Treasurer	E. P. Ward
" Keeper of Cabinet	L. L. Adams
" Standing Committee	N. Alexander
	Dr Johnson
	Tanmuys
annual Orator	Mr Lewis
Alternate "	Geddes
annual Essayist	Yeomans
Alternate "	Densmore

Librarians Craven & Cain

Messrs Battle, Yeomans & Fuller were appointed to nominate Essayists for Monthly Concerts.

Messrs Marshall, Geddes & Smith S. H. were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the Annual meeting on April 21st.

Moved that the Society at its meeting this afternoon listen to an address from Rev C. Jones Pastor of the Seamans Chapel in New York City & that his address take the place & time of the Annual Report of the Committee on Soldiers Sailors & Africans. Motion carried

No more business Society adjourned.

H. T. Hicks President
B. S. Everitt Secy.

Thurs. Morn. April 8th 1859

The Society met at 9 Oclock P.M.
The Pres in the Chair. Prayer by Mr Kemsey
Minutes of the last monthly & meeting for Election read & adopted

Report of Cor. Secy of Society one letter written & one received from Davidson College North Carolina.

By request the letter was read

Report of Cor Secy of Com on For Missions
No letters written & none received

Report of Cor. Secy of Com on Dom Missions
One letter received from Rev Wm Bishop Kansas
No letters written

Ten minutes report of Com. on For Missions read by Mr C. S. Thompson

Ten minutes report of Com on Dom Missions read by Mr Corbett

Ten minutes report of " " Bibles Tracts &c failed

" " " " " Public Morals &c read by Mr Wm Alexander

The Society then united in singing 378 Hymn

The Society then listened to a interesting & stirring address from the Rev C. F. Jones Pastor of the Mariners Church New York City.

After this on Motion of Mr Butler a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr Jones for his valuable address.

Minutes of the Board of Managers was then read & approved.

Moved by Mr Kerr that Art 186 of the Bye Laws be suspended for this meeting. Carried

Moved that the Committee upon the revision of the Constitution be laid on the Societys table Carried

Moved that this report be referred to a Committee consisting of the present Committee & added to it. Messrs Hicketh. Little, Morrison N.S. Yeomans. Johnson. D. & Mitchel, Thorburn. McKelway Thompson, & McLane. The old members were Messrs Kerr. Everitt & E. P. Ward. Motion Carried

Moved by Mr Kerr that the above Committee be authorized to enquire as to relation of the Society of Ungany & the 1st day of the month. Motion Carried.

The Committee appointed to nominate Essayists for the Monthly Concerts reported

	Principal	Alternate
1st October	Wm. Alexander	I. Carter
" November	Smith.	I. Carter
" December	Hodge	Hodge
" January	Henry	Blauvelt
" February	McKelway	Stewart
" March	Waterman	Studdiford
" April	Allen	Mayne

Little Yeomans & Haller
Committee

No more Business Society adjourned

Henry D. Hicketh
President

Benj. S. Everitt
Secretary

April 21st 1859.

The annual meeting of the Society was held this Evening in the First Presbyterian Church of Princeton N. J.

The exercises consisted of the following Opened by the Singing of an Anthem by the Hastings Society entitled

"Salvation Oh! the joyfull sound"

Prayer was then offered by John M. Krebs D. D. of New York City.

The 32 Psalm was then sung

The annual Essay read by Mr Jas Little

Anthem sung entitled

Annual Oration was then delivered by Mr John C. Thom. Theme the following proposition

"It is necessary to the prosperity & growth of any Church that it have its own plan of Missionary Operation"

The 451 Hymn was then sung & the Benediction pronounced by Dr Hodge.

The audience was large & intelligent, the exercises able & entertaining

Henry F Hickok

President

Benjamin S. Everitt

Secretary

Oratory Oct. 1. 1859. 10 O'clk A. M.

Special Meeting to hear Report from the
Report on Const^n. committee on Revising the Constitution.
Pres. in the Chair. Prayer by Mr. Dinemore.
Moved by Mr. Kugler to proceed to the
Members proposed, laid on table. election of new members. Messrs. Darroch,
Merritt & Banks nominated. Voted to lay
the motion on the table. Society resolved
Comm. of the Whole. itself into Comm of the Whole. When the
Comm. rose, V. Pres. at the request of the Pres.
took the Chair. Voted on motion of Mr.
Harris, to accept the Report of Comm. on
Constitution. Motion to adopt said Report.
Amendment by Dr. Kerr carried, viz. that
Amend^t to Report accepted. & referred to Committee. a Constitution as drafted by himself, be
substituted for the Committee's Report.
Voted that the document presented by
Dr. Kerr, be referred to a Comm. of five,
to be appointed by the Chairman. Said
Comm. are Alexander, Butler, Dinamore,
Wines, S. Carter. Adjourned. Prayer by
Mr. Thorburn.

A. S. Waterman Secry.

Oratory Oct. 1. 1859 2 O'clk P.M.

Meeting opened with prayer by Mr. Moore.
Minutes. Minutes of the last Regular, Annual & Special
meetings adopted. Heard Report from Comm.
First day of Month. appointed at Regular Meeting in April, "to
inquire as to the relation of the Society of
Inquiry to the First Day of the Month;" viz. That
any day which the Soc. may prefer for its
meetings, will be granted by the Faculty. —
Received, & Comm. discharged. The following
Members. "previous member gentlemen were elected as members of the Society.
Viz. Messrs. Banks, Williams, Gamble, Hutchison,
Mc Lean, Jas. Alexander, Hafsler, Hyde, Semington,
Edie, Dixon, Darroch, Merritt, Andrews, Sanson,
Burgster, Edgar, Crawford, Sample, Francis Hodge,
F. J. Collier, R. L. Adams, Mc Mullin, Morrison.
No Reports or Essays. No Reports or Essays from the Committees.
Mr. Alexander appealed from the decision

Appeal fr. Bd of Man'rs. Banner of Sight. Petition.

of the Board of Managers, in refusing to subscribe for "The Banner of Light". Appeal sustained, & Voted to subscribe for that paper. Sung 237 Hymn. Petition from the Comm. on Public Morals, Rom. Church & Infidelity, that their title may be changed to that of the Comm. on Polemics.

Viva voce election.

In consequence of irregularity in the appointment of Mr. Mc Lean as Orator at the Annual Meeting, & of Mr. Geades as his Alternate, Voted to elect the former Appointees viva voce. They were so elected - Mr. Mc Lean, Orator, Mr. Geades, Alternate.

Annual Essayist declines. Election.

Mr. Leonard declined his appointment as Essayist at the Annual Meeting, & Mr. Dinsmore declined acting as Alternate, Whereupon, Voted to go into an election for Essayist & Alternate. Mr. Butler was elected Principal, & Mr. L. T. Adams, Alternate.

Motion to change day of meeting.

Motion was made to change the day of meeting, to the First Monday of each month; (lies on the table four weeks) Adjourned, - Doxology.

A. I. Waterman Secry.

Oratory Oct. 8. 1859 11 A. M.

Called Meeting. - Prayer by Mr. Butler.

Minutes. Report fr. Comm. on Const.

Minutes of last meeting adopted. Report from Comm. on Constitution, read, received, & laid on the table. Voted that when the Soc. adjourn, it be to meet in the Oratory on Weds. evening Oct. 12th at 7½ o'clk.

Next meet'g

Adjourned, prayer by Mr. F. H. Hines. -

A. I. Waterman Secry.

Oratory Oct. 12. 1859 7½ P.M.

Report on Constitution. Action taken.

Adjourned Meeting. Prayer by Mr. Henry. Report of Comm. on Constitution taken from the table. Voted to adopt, Art. by Art. Arts I, II, III, were adopted. Voted to consider subsequent Arts. by Sections.

Sections 1, 3, 4 of Art. IV, & 1, 2 of Art V were adopted. - Sects. 2, 5, 6, of Art. IV, were adopted under protest, & referred to the Comm., with the following instructions, viz.

Art. IV, § 2. a. To be so modified that this meeting shall not conflict with the Monthly Concert.

b. To substitute Class prayer meetings, for "a prayer meeting".

c. Strike out the hour of meeting.

§ 5. To be so modified that this meeting shall not conflict with the Monthly Meeting.

§ 6. To be amended to the effect that the Appointees may exchange subjects.

The Constitution was adopted as a whole.

Of the By-Laws reported, I, II, III, IV, V, VIII, XIII, were adopted. VII, IX, X, XII, were adopted under protest. The paper was then referred to the Comm., with instructions as follows, viz.

To insert after III, so much of the Report previously referred to the Comm. as relates to the Supt of the Reading Room, viz not embraced in the present By-Laws.

VII. To be amended by striking out "may be written."

IX. To be amended by striking out 'evening' & inserting question.

X. To be amended or stricken out as may be rendered necessary by the amendments to Art IV §§ 2, 5,

of the Constitution.

XII. To be amended by substituting, 'Miscellaneous business may be attended to after the Debate.'

VI, & XI, To be stricken out.

Adopted. Voted, to adopt the By-Laws as a whole.

To take effect. Voted, That this Constitution & By-Laws take effect immediately, & that the first Regular Meeting be held on Friday evening Oct. 21st.

Pending the adoption of By-Law VI, of the Report, the Soc'y in accordance with a previous vote, suspended business, when Rev. R. F. Bunting of San Antonio, Texas, delivered an address to the Soc'y, on Texas as a field for Missionary Labor. — Voted on motion of Mr. Butler, that the thanks of the Soc. be presented to Rev. R. F. Bunting for his interesting & instructive address. —

Mr. Bunting

Vote of thanks.

Mr. Butler resigns appt as Essayist. Mr. Butler declined his appointment as Essayist for the Annual Meeting, & Mr. Adams declined acting as Alternate.

Adjourned. Prayer by Mr. S. B. Dod.

J. N. Kerr, Pres't.

A. T. Waterman Secry.

Oratory, Oct. 21, 1859.
7 o'clock, P.M.

Regular Meeting. Opened with prayer by Mr. S. T. Carter.

Minutes — The Minutes were read & approved.

Committee on Nomina^ns — On motion of Mr. Smith, a Committee of one from each class was appointed to nominate a list of officers & report at the next meeting. Comm^n — S. H. Smith, S. T. Carter, & W. B. Darrach.

Papers in the Reading Room to Mr. Farnham. — On motion of Mr. Kuyler, the papers now on file in the Reading Room were granted to Mr. Farnham, to carry with him to China.

Members — Messrs. Alex. Proudfit, R. R. Proudfit, Stitt, Preston, Wines Jr., Starrett, Pope, Morron, Irvin, & George were elected to membership in the Society.

Pres^t to appt Special Debaters. — On motion of Mr. Kuyler, the President was granted extraordinary power to appoint special voluntary debaters & essayists for the next three meetings.

Amend^ts proposed. — The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed & laid upon the table.

1. That the evening of meeting be Wednesday, instead of Friday.

2. That the section in the former Constitution, relating to obituary Notices of deceased members of this Society, be inserted in the New.

3. That the rules of order reported by Dr. Kerr, in his Constitution, be inserted in the New Constitution.

Referred to Comm. on Amd^ts.

4. That the rule to elect by ballot, now in the By Laws of the Constitution be transfered to the By Laws.

Home Journal — Voted, to subscribe for the Home Journal for six months.

Catalogue of Soc. — Voted, that the Secretary be instructed to make a catalogue of members for the use of the President.

Burleigh's Legislative Guide.

Voted, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay for Burleigh's Legislative Manual, $1.00.

The election of annual Essayist was postponed until the next Meeting.

Society adjourned

APPOINTMENTS.

Committees. 1. Com. on Constitutn, continued.
Alexander, Butler, Dinsmore,
S. T. Carter, & Fred H. Wines.

2. Com. to nominate Officers.
S. H. Smith S. T. Carter, W. B. Darrach.

Essayists & Debaters.

For. Oct. 28th Essayist — S. H. Smith
Debaters — F. E. Butler.
W. C. Stutt.

For. Nov. 4th Essayist — Jno. McKelway Jr
Debaters W. Alexander
Jno. K. McLean.

For Nov. 11th Essayist Andrews
Debaters C. H. Wines.
Starrett

Jas. W. Kerr, Prest.
Fred H. Wines, Sec'y. pro tem

Oratory, Oct. 28, 1859.
6½ o'clock, P. M.

Regular Meeting. Opened with prayer by Mr. D.W. Moore.

Minutes — The Minutes were read & approved.

Essay — Mr. S. H. Smith read an Essay on the subject of Temperance.

Debate — The regular debate on the question "Ought Slavery to be abolished?" was next in order. The debate was opened by Mr. F. E. Butler in the affirmative & Dr. D.W. Kerr in the negative, in the place of Mr. Stutt, who was absent.

At ¼ of 9 o'clock, the debate was, on motion, closed.

Amend to — The amendments to the Constitution, laid
acted upon. upon the table at the last meeting, were taken up & considered. The first was rejected; the second & fourth adopted; & the third referred to the Comm. on Constitution.

Members — Messrs. E. C. Hooker, Jos. Young, Forsyth & A.A. Humphrey were elected to membership in the Society.

Officers — The Comm. to nominate officers, report-
elected. ed the following list, who were unanimously elected viva voce, the By-law being, on motion, suspended for that purpose.

President —	Alfred Yeomans.
Vice Prest.	Marvin Briggs.
Record'g. Sec'y.	Alfred T. Waterman
Coresponding Sec'y.	Fred. H. Wines.
Treasurer	Edward P. Wood
Librarian	Wm Alexander

Voted, that the books & other property belonging to the old Committees be deposited in the Library.

Bass Viol. — Mr. Wm Alexander was appointed to look after & ~~if possible bring back~~ take charge of the bass-viol belonging to the Soc'y. ~~now lent to some college Students~~

Question — Messrs. Macdean & Alexander reported the following question, which was ap-

proved:— "Can Error be better refuted by direct opposition than by the presentation of truth?"

Ballots for Essayist. No election.

The Soc^{y} then proceeded to the election of the annual Essayist. Messrs. Preston, Briggs, Smith, ~~Prime, & T. Carter~~ were nominated, when the nominations were closed. Three ballots were taken, & no candidate havg. received a majority of the votes cast, the Society adjourned.

Closed with the long-meter doxology.

APPOINTMENTS.

For Nov 4th	Essayist-	Jno. McKelvey Jr.
	Debaters	W. Alexander.
		Jno. K. McLean.
For Nov. 11th	Essayist-	L. M. Hyde
	Debaters.	M. Briggs-
		J. R. Wood Henry.
For Nov. 18th	Essayist-	G. W. Prime-
	Debaters-	A. M. C. A. Thorburn
		D. H. Mitchell
For Nov. 25th	Essayist-	Wm. G. Andrews-
	Debaters-	C. M. Wines
		T. A. Sanson

Jas. W. Kerr, Prest.
Fred. H. Hines, Sec^{y}. pro tem.

For Monthly Concert- Nov. 7th		Dr. Johnson
		D. H. Mitchell
		W. N. Geddes-

Oratory Nov. 4. 1859. 6½ P.m.

Minutes. Regular Meeting. Opened with prayer by Mr. S. H. Smeltz. Minutes of the last meeting adopted.

Election. Voted to go into election of Annual Essayist. Mr. E. G. Hooker was elected.

Essayist absent The Essayist for the week was detained from attendance by sickness.

Debate The debate on the Question "Can Error be better refuted by direct opposition than by the presentation of truth?" was opened by Mr. McLean in the Aff. & Mr. Wm. Alexander in the Neg. At 25 min. past 8 O'clk it was voted to close the debate.

Members Messrs. Kellogg, Newkirk, F. M. Wood, Robinson, J. A. Patterson, Wm. M. Johnson, were elected

do. members of the Soc'y. Mr. H. S. Alexander having in consequence of absence from the Sem. lost his membership, was restored to regular membership in the Soc.

Hastings Soc. - Voted - "That the Hastings Society be requested to fill the order of exercises in relation to singing Anthems or Quartelles."

Members to hand names to the Pres't. Voted - "That the Members of the Soc be requested to hand in their names in pairs, to the Chairman, as they wish to debate."

Question Question adopted for Nov. 11th. "Do there any Authoritative Form of Church Govt laid down in the Scriptures?" Aff. J. A. Henry, Neg. M. Briggs.

Miscellaneous Voted - To allow the Debaters for Nov. 25th time to present another question.

Appointments for Dec. 2nd.

Essayist J. T. Baird. Debaters A. Proudfit
Saml Dodd.

Soc. adjourned - S. M. Doxology.

A. T. Waterman Secry.

Oratory Nov. 11. 1859, 6½ P.M.

Minutes — Society met, V. Pres. in the Chair. Opened with Prayer by Mr. Wm. Alexander. Minutes of last meeting adopted.

Essay — Essay on Belief & Faith, read by Mr. C. M. Hyde.

Amendments — Voted on motion of Mr. Wm. Alexander to suspend By-Law X. in order that amendments to the Constitution may be proposed. Mr. J. K. McLean moved certain amendments to the Constitution.

Debate — The Debate on the question "Is there any Authoritative Form of Church Government laid down in the Scriptures?" was opened by Mr. J. A. Henry in the Aff. & Mr. M. Briggs in the Neg. It was sustained by Messrs. Butler, Speer, Hoge, Banks, Hurd, Humphrey, McLean, F. H. Wines, Teagle, Andrews, S. Dodd, Sanson, Wm. Hodge, Harris, Collier, Alexander & Wm. Voted to close the debate at 9 Oclk 25 min.

Questions — Questions Adopted. — For Nov. 18th Is the Existence of Christian Sects promotive of more good than evil in the Church?

Appointees — F. Carter Aff. H. W. Hurd, Neg.

For Nov. 25th Is Selling Intoxicating Liquors as a Beverage, a sufficient ground for Church Discipline?

Appointees — F. A. Sanson Aff. J. Robinson Neg.

For Dec. 2. Ought Politics to be admitted into the Pulpit?

Appointees — A. Proudfit, Samuel Dodd.

Miscellaneous Vannuys. — Voted 1. That Mr. J. H. Vannuys, in consideration of his services as Librarian, be excused from payment of his Soc'y dues for the current session.

Committee to select questions. — 2. That a committee of three be appointed to make a selection of questions from the books of the former committees of the Soc'y, & other sources, & prepare a list to be left with the Sec'y for the use of Debaters (Said Comm. are Messrs. Wm. Alexander, D. K. Mitchell, Wm. G. Andrews.

Obituary — 3. That Messrs F. E. Butler, E. C. Hooker, & K. P. Ketcham be appointed a Committee

to prepare an Obituary of brother Edward Thurston Fuller, a member of this Society, who died on Monday Nov. 7th 1859.

Amend^{t} Mr. W. Briggs moved as an amendment to Art IV. 55 of the Constitution, that the Doxology be stricken from the Order of Exercises.

Appt^{ments} Appointments for Dec. 9th. Essayist, G. H. Rhine, Debaters, S. Harrison, D. H. Mitchell.

Society adjourned.

A. T. Waterman
Rec. Secry.

Oratory Nov. 18. 1859.

Society met & was opened with prayer by Mr. Secry pro tem Mr. Wilson. In the absence of the Secry. Mr. S. H. Rhines was elected Secry pro. tem.

Essay Mr. H. N. Geddes read an Essay upon Byron.

Debate The regular debate on the question "Is the existence of Christian Sects productive of more good than evil in the Church"? was opened on the Aff. by Mr. T. Carter, & in the Neg. by Mr H. W. Beard. After having been participated in by Messrs. Andrews, Crawford, Butler, Hyde, H. S. Alexander, Harris, Hodge, Thompson, Patterson, McLean, S. H. Rhines, H. Alexander, the debate was on motion closed.

New Members Mr. J. S. McDonald & Williams were elected to membership in this Socy.

By-Law (Critic) Mr. H. Alexander offered ^ following Resolution which was adopted. Resolved - That the Pres^{t} appoint a Critic for the evening, whose duty it shall be to criticise the Essay, & the Speakers in Debate.

Amend^{t} adopted. The amendments to the Constitution proposed last evening, relating to change of Anniversary Exercises, were taken from the table, & after some discussion were withdrawn, on acc^{t} of disapprobation of the Faculty. The other proposed amendments were adopted. as follows. Art. I. §1. The Name of Sa Name of this Socy shall be "The Alexander Missionary, Theological & Literary Socy

of Princeton Theo. Seminary.

Election — Art. III. § 3. During each Sem. session there shall be two elections of Officers.

1. At the first literary meeting in January, when shall be elected, President, Vice Pres't, Rec'g Secry, Cor. Secry, & Treasurer, to hold office during the remainder of the session: & 2. at the last literary meeting in April, for the same officers as above specified, to hold office from the beginning of the next session, until after the next Jan. election. Also for a Librarian, to hold office during the whole of the succeeding session.

Order of Ex. — Art. IV. § 5. amended by striking the Doxology from the Order of Exercises.

Amend't proposed — Mr. J. B. Kugler Moved as an amend't to the Constitution, that the Anniversary meeting be abolished, & that Art IV § 6, relating thereto, be expunged.

Dr. Scudder. — Voted to invite Dr. Scudder to deliver in the First Church, his lecture on the Religions of India, & that the proceeds of all tickets sold, be given to him.

Socy adjourned. A. Yeomans, Pres.

Apptments — Apptments for Dec. 16. F. H. Hines Secry pro. tem.

F. H. Hines Essay. W. Harris, T. S. Preston Debaters.

Oratory Nov. 25. 1859. 6½ P.M.

Socy met; Pres. in the chair, meeting opened with prayer by Mr. W. G. Andrews. Minutes of last two meetings adopted. Minutes — Mr. W. Alexander appointed Critic for the ev'g. Critic — An Essay on "American Fluency" was read by Mr. W. G. Andrews. Essay

Debate — The Debate on the question "Is Selling Intoxicating Liquor as a beverage, a sufficient ground for Church Discipline?" was opened by Mr. T. A. Sancon in the Aff. & Mr. J. H. Robinson in the Neg. it was participated in by Messrs. Butler, F. H. Hines, Preston, Humphrey, Harris, Macdonald, Taggart, S. B. Dod, & Andrews. Voted to close the debate at 8.45

Apptments. 6 o'clock. Appointments for Dec. 23rd. Essayist, F. Hodge, Debaters, Crawford, Sample. Committee
Questions to be selected. on selecting questions, as by vote of Nov. 11th, H. Alexander, D.H. Mitchell, H.G. Andrews.
Question. Question adopted for Dec. 16th "Is dancing inconsistent with a profession of Religion?"
New Members. Mr. G.M. Ikley was elected a member of the Socy.
Mon. Concert. Mr. S.B. Dod declined his appointment as Speaker at the next Monthly Concert, & Mr. H. Alexander, was appt'd in his place.
Amend't adopted. The Resolution offered by Mr. Kugler for amending Art. IV. § 6 of the Constitution, was adopted.

Socy Adj'd.

A. Romans Pres.
A.T. Waterman Sec.

Oratory Dec. 2. 1859. 6½ P.M.

Soc. met. V. Pres. being in the chair. Opened
Minutes. with prayer by Mr. H. A. Humphrey. Minutes
Critic. of the last meeting adopted. Mr. H. Irvin was appointed Critic for the evening. An Essay
Essay. was read by Mr. J. T. Baird on "Polytheism and Pantheism, or the Worship of Nature."
Debate The discussion of the question "Ought Politics to be admitted into the Pulpit"? was then opened by Mr. S. Dodd in the Aff. & Mr. R. R. Proudfit in the Neg.; it was continued by Messrs. McLean, Humphrey, Preston, Andrews, Sanson, Beekman, H. Hodge, F.H. Hines, H. Alexander, Thompson, Crawford, H.S. Alexander, McDonald, & Sample. By vote the debate was closed at 8 O'clk 45 min.
Questions. Questions Chosen. – For Dec. 9th "Is the Power of Contrary Choice, necessary to Liberty"?
2. Dec. 23rd "Are Written preferable to Extemporaneous Sermons"?
No apptments. No appointments were made, as the meeting four weeks from date will be a Monthly Meeting. (this was wrong.)
Members. Messrs. Williams & L.C. Bayles were elected members of the Society.
By-Laws. On Motion of Mr S. Dodd, Voted – That the

Newspapers in the Reading Room, be sold annually, at Auction, by the Librarian, & that hereafter, such sale take place near the commencement of the Session. –

Dr. Scudder — Mr. F. H. Hines, Reported that Dr. Scudder had accepted the invitation of the Socy, & will deliver his address in January.

Socy adj'd

W. Briggs J. Pres.
A. J. Waterman Secry.

Oratory Dec. 9. 1859. 6½ P.M.

Minutes. — Socy met. Opened with prayer by Mr. J. Hoge, Minutes of the last meeting were adopted.
Critic. — Mr. H. C. Still appointed Critic. An Essay was
Essay. — read by Mr. G. H. Prime on Enthusiasm. The
Debate. — Debate on the question "Is the power of Contrary Choice necessary to Liberty"? was opened by Mr. S. Harrison in the Aff. & Mr. D. H. Mitchell in the Neg.; it was continued by Messrs. W. Alexander, Humphrey, R. H. Williams, Semington, McLean, Thompson, Geyer, H. S. Alexander, Hoge, H. Hodge, & Butler.

Voted to close the debate at 8 o'clk 55 min.

Appointments — Appointments for Jan. 6th. Essayist C. C. Hooker. Debaters C. L. Thompson, S. B. Taggart.

for Monthly Concert Jan. 2d.

S. W. Hutchison, S. Carter, L. C. Bayles.

Member — Mr. Kennedy was elected a member of the Soc.

Cor. Secy resigns — Mr. F. H. Hines resigned his office as Cor. Secry.

Election — His resignation was accepted, & voted to go into an election of Cor. Secry. Mr. J. K. McLean was elected.

Soc. Adj'd — A. Yeomans, Pres.
A. J. Waterman Secry.

Oratory Dec. 16. 1859 6½ P.M.

Minutes of last meeting were adopted. Meeting opened with prayer by Mr. F. Hodge. Mr L. C. Bayles was appointed Critic for the evening. Critic / Essay The Essay was read by Mr. F. H. Hines. Subject, Reminiscences of Niagara. Debate The Discussion on the question Is dancing inconsistent with a profession of religion? was opened in the Aff. by Mr. Wm. Harris & in the Neg. by Mr. T. S. Preston. It was participated in by Messers. Mc Lean, Sanson, Andrews, Hutchison, R. H. Williams, C. M. Hines, Moore, Banks, Taggart, & Young, Voted to close the debate at 9 O'clk 5 min. Appointments Appointments were made for Jan. 20th, as follows. Essayist, Mr. D. S. Banks; Debaters, Messrs. J. B. Kugler & R. S. Feagles. Question selected. The question selected for Jan. 13th, - Are Infants proper subjects for Baptism? Member elect Mr D. R. Love was elected to membership in the Society. Next meet'g on Jan. 6th On motion, it was Voted, That the next meeting of the Soc. be held on the Friday after New Year's Day. (Jan. 6th). Amend't proposed to the Const'n Mr. S. Carter proposed as an amendment to Art. 4. § 5. of the Constitution, no. 5 of the order of exercises, that the words "or written" be inserted after the word "Oral".

Soc. adjourned.

A. Scomans, Pres.
A. J. Waterman Rec. Sec'y

Oratory, Jan 6. 1860. 6½ P.M.

Pres. pro-tem The Society met. The President and Vice President being absent Mr D. S. Banks was chosen President pro-tem. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. S. Carter. Minutes / Critic The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. J. D. Taggart was appointed Critic for the evening. Essay. The Essay was read by Mr. C. M. Hines on "The Intelligence of the Brute Creation" Debate The Debate on the question "Are Written preferable to Extemporaneous Sermons?" was opened by Mr J. L. Sample in the affirmative and Mr H. E. Crawford in the negative and participated in by Messrs R. H. Williams, Taggart, Young, Andrews, Lemington & Robinson. It was voted to close the

Appointments debate at 8.30 P.M. Appointments for Jan 27. were announced. Essay Wm. H. Hodge. Debate H.S. Alexander & J.J. Pomeroy. For Feb. 3. Essay Jos. Young. Debate, W.A Sterrett & R. H. Williams.

Election An election was held for officers for the ensuing year with the following results. Chauncy Briggs, President Thomas Carter Vice President, W.A. Scudder, Recording Secretary. Lewis C. Bayles, Corresponding Secretary, Wm. H Hodge Treasurer

Amendment The Amendment to the Constitution proposed by Mr. Carter at the last meeting of the Society was adopted

Aud. Comm. It was voted that an Auditing Committee be appointed to examine the books of the Treasurer. Messrs E.P. Wood S.B. Taggart and W.H. Hodge were appointed that Committee

On motion Adjourned

D. Stuart Bayles, Pres. pro tem
A.L. Waterman Rec. Sec.

Oratory. Jan 13. 1860. 7 P.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Prime. The Minutes Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Critic Mr Newmans was appointed critic for the evening.

Resignation On motion the order of exercises being suspended Mr Scudder gave reasons for declining the office of Secretary to which he had just been elected and asked to be excused from serving. His resignation was on motion accepted and

Election an election entered upon for Secretary. Mr Converse was chosen to that office

Dr. Scudder Mr McLean moved that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Committee having charge of a course of lectures now being delivered in Princeton and offer to permit them to take charge of the Lecture to be given by Dr. Scudder. Carried

Debate The discussion on the question "Are Infants proper subjects for Baptism was opened on the affirmative by Mr Taggart, negative by Mr Thompson and participated in by Messrs Pope, Saml. Dodd, Johns, Rugler, Hoge, William Alexander, W.H. Hodge, Sanson, Harris & Allen Proudfit. It was closed at 9.37 P.M.

Subject Jan 20 The question for debate selected for Jan 20. is "Should persons who are members of the Church by baptism only, be subjected to Church Discipline?"

Appointments Monthly Con. Appointments were made for Monthly Concert as follows Messrs C. H. Hyde, J. S. Baird & John E. Dyson

Appointments for Feb. 10. Ch John McIlvaine Jr, Essayist & Messrs S. C. Carter and Henry A Humphrey Debaters,

Christy Periodicals Ch Saml. Carter moved that a Committee be appointed to draw up a list of periodicals, containing missionary intelligence which ought to be in the Library and report it to the Society. A motion to lay on the table was lost, and after some discussion the original motion was lost.

Reviews Ch Hyde moved that the Librarian be instructed to order for the Reading Room for the current year all the reviews taken last year, also the American Theological and Literary Review. Carried.

Payment of Dues. Ch Thomas moved that a committee be appointed to report an amendment to the by laws or some plan for enforcing the payment of dues. Carried. Messrs Thomas, Wm. Alexander and Wm. H. Hodge were appointed as that Committee

Pres. Hist. Almanac Ch Taggart moved that the Librarian be authorized to procure a copy of the Presbyterian Historical Almanac for the Reading Room

Adjourned at 10½ P.M.

Marvin Briggs Pres.dt.
F. D. Converse Rec. Sec.

Oratory. Jan. 20. 1860 6½ P.M.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by Ch Taggart. The Minutes of the Last Meeting were read and approved. Ch Hyde was appointed Critic for the evening. The Essay was then read by Ch D. D. Sanles - Subject - "The eternity of Knowledge"

Debate Debate "Should persons who are members of the Church by Baptism only, be subjected to Church Discipline?" Opened in the affirmative by Ch Ingler and in the negative by Ch Beagles and participated in by Messrs Thomas, Roberts Henry, McLean, Beckman, Humphrey, Ch McIlvaine Forsyth W. H. Hodge, Lenington, Johnson and Starrett. On motion the debate was closed at 9.35 P.M.

Question for Jan. The question selected for debate for Jan 27. was "Should the testimony of infidels be received in a Court of Justice?"

Questions for Feb. 3. were considered, and laid on the table

Appointments The appointments for Feb. 17 are Essayist Mr Robert Edgar, Debate V. W. Hutchison & B. B. George

Missionary Papers Ordered Mr Hutchison moved that the following missionary periodicals be ordered for the Reading Room viz the

Church Missionary Intelligencer (Organ Chh. Missy Soc. Engd.)		6d
Missionary Magazine & Chronicle	London Missy Soc	1"
Wesleyan Missionary Notices	Wesleyan " "	3"
Missionary Herald	Baptist " "	1"
News of Churches & Journal of Missions	Constable & Co Edinburg.	6"
Annals of the Propogation of the Faith.	Rom. Catholic. Engd.	6"

all the above are monthlies except the latter which is bi-monthly.

Also the following American publications

Missionary Advocate	New York Methodist	25¢
The Tower	" " Dutch Reformed	25¢
The Commission	Richmond Baptist	$1.00
American Missionary	New York Anti Slavery	50.

At the suggestion of Mr Saml. Dodd the Banner of Reform was added to the above list and the motion unanimously adopted.

Expenses of Speakers On motion of Mr Bayles, the Corresponding Secretary was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of the expenses of the Speakers invited

New Members Mr Hutchison nominated as new members Messrs Townsend Vaye and Holmon. They were elected.

Pigeon-holes Mr Hyde moved that the Librarian be authorised to contract for the construction of a case of pigeon-holes to hold the loose pamphlets in the Reading Room. Carried.

The Society adjourned at 10.05 P.M.

Marvin V. Briggs Pres^dt

F. B. Converse Rec Sec

Oratory Jan 27, 1860. 6½ P.M.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by Mr Freeman.

Minutes — The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Critic — Mr Freeman was appointed Critic for the evening.

Essay. — Mr Weomans moved that the Essay be post poned until next week, and at that time that this essay and that of the regular appointee be read. Carried.

Debate. — The Debate "Should the testimony of an infidel be admitted in a Court of Justice?" was opened in the affirmative by Mr Jos. H. Barnard and in the negative by Mr F. V. Alexander and participated in by Messrs McLean, W. Alexander, Crawford Dipon. Debate closed at five minutes before eight o'clock, and was criticised by Mr Freeman.

Question Feb 3 — The following question for debate was chosen for Feb. 3 - viz! - "Are large cities better localities for Theological Seminaries than country towns?

Question Feb 10 — For Feb. 10th the following "Is it the policy of our Church to centralize her educational institutions?"

Appointments — The following appointments were made for Feb. 24, viz Mr Saml. Todd, Essayist and Messrs James A. Piper and J. V. Geyer Debaters.

The Society adjourned at 8.05 P.M.

Marvin Briggs Presd.
F. B. Converse Pro Tem

Oratory Feb 3. 1860. 6½ P.M.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by Mr McLean.

Minutes — The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Critic — Mr L. T. Adams was appointed Critic for the evening.

Essays. — The Essay which was postponed from the last evening was read by Mr Wm. H. Hodge. ~~Subject~~ and after the criticism upon it by Mr Adams

The Essay of the Appointee for the evening was read by Mr Jos. Young on "The Age we Live in." Criticised.

Debate — The Debate on the subject "Are large cities better localities for Theological Seminaries than country towns?" was opened on the Negative by Mr V. P. Williams and participated in by Messrs Forsyth, Taggart, Forsyth

Taggart and Butler and was closed a few minutes after eight o'clock.

Subject Feb 17. The following subject was chosen for debate for Feb. 17. viz "Should the observance of the Sabbath be enforced by civil enactments?"

Appointments For March 2nd Mr J. H. Bargeter was appointed essayist, and Messrs Dixon and Salmon debaters.

After the informal consideration of the selection of questions for debate the Society adjourned

Marvin G Briggs Pres.
F. B. Conover Rec Sec

Oratory February 10. 1860

Minutes. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr W. Alexander
Essay The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.
On motion Mr C. F. Kelsey was excused from reading his essay this week and requested to present it at the next meeting of the Society. Mr Andrews was appointed Critic
Critic
Debate The debate on the question "Is it the Policy of our Church to centralize her educational institutions?" was opened in affirmative by Mr Humphrey and in the negative by Mr Saml. T. Carter and participated in by Messrs Freeman, Taggart, McLean, Dodd, W. Alexander Humphrey, Dodd, Young, R. H. Williams, Humphrey, Taggart, McLean, Reomans, W. Alexander, Andrews & R. J. P. Roundpt. The debate was closed at 9 o'clock

Criticism The criticism was pronounced by Mr Andrews.

Question Feb 2. The following subject for debate for March 2 was chosen "Resolved that the Domestic should be encouraged rather than the Foreign Board of Missions."

Appointments Appointments for March 9. Essayist Mr John R. McLean
Debaters Messrs W. Alexander and R. J. P. Roundpt,
For Monthly Concert. Messrs S. A. Freeman, W. Irvin & H. Kellogg.

New Members Messrs S. H. Cobb and Moffatt were elected new members

List of Questions Mr. W. Alexander Chairman of the Committee to hand in a list of questions suitable for debate to assist the appointees in the choice of subjects made a report consisting of some thirty two questions. The report was on motion accepted and the questions committed to the care of the Recording Secretary to be kept for the use of the Society

Mr. W. Alexander reported two communications from the Seminary at Columbia S.C. - one a fraternal letter of the

Comm. from Columbia Sem.

Society of Inquiry dated Dec 15. 1859. The other dated Feb. 3. 1860: contained the resolutions adopted by that Society relative to the death of D. J. Addison Alexander. It was moved that these resolutions be engrossed in the minutes of this Society and the communications be handed to the Corresponding Secretary to be replied to by him. The following is a copy of the resolutions

Resolutions of Columbia Sem. on the death of Rev. Dr. Alexander.

Theological Seminary, Columbia S.C.,
Feb. 3. 1860

Upon the reception of the news of the death of the Rev. Joseph Addison Alexander D.D., a meeting of the students was called in the Chapel when the motion was carried that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of our deep sense of the loss sustained by the Church in the death of this eminent servant of Christ. They reported the following which were adopted.

Resolved 1. That although the sorrowful task of recording the testimonials of love for their departed Professor belongs more especially to the brethren at Princeton where he labored so long and so faithfully yet as his influence has not been confined to a single institution, but has been a blessing to the entire Church as well as to that branch with which he was more particularly connected we also claim the painful pleasure of adding this token of our great respect and veneration for the deceased

Resolved 2. That we most truly sympathise with the faculty and students in their irreparable loss.

Resolved 3 That we extend our heart felt sympathy to the surviving relatives in their deep affliction

Resolved 4 That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Presbyterian and to the Southern Presbyterian for publication and to the Society of Inquiry at Princeton and to the surviving relatives

Francis P. Mallalieu
Philip H. Thompson
Edward H. Buist
W. Macon Coleman
Wm. H. Brooks
} Comm.

W. Macon Coleman Sec.

On motion the Society adjourned at 9½ o'clock

Thomas Carter Act. Presdt
R. J. Bartlett Comm. Rec. Sec.

Oratory, February 17. 1860 6½ P.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr Harris

Minutes — The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr John N. McLean was appointed Critic for the evening

Essays — Mr John McElvay Jr read an Essay which was postponed from last week on the "Existence of Christianity an Evidence of its Truth"

The regular essay was read by Mr Robert Edgar. Subject — "The Emotional Principle". The criticism was pronounced by Mr McLean

Debate — The Debate on the question "Should the Observance of the Sabbath be enforced by civil enactments?" was opened in the affirmative by Mr S. N. Hutchison and in the negative by Mr B. V. George and participated in by Messrs Banks, Cowan, Dixon, Darrach, Lemington, Andrews, Young, Crawford, Lemington, Young Andrews, George. The Debate closed at half past eight o'clock. Mr Crawford who had been appointed critic vice Mr McLean gave a criticism on the debate.

Question-Feb 24 — The following question for debate was selected for Feb. 24 "Ought the Reading of the Bible in the Common Schools to be required by Law?"

Appts-March 16 — The appointments for March 16 are Essayist, W. Irvin, Debaters-A. S. Waterman and C. M. Hyde.

On motion adjourned at a little before 9 o'clock

Marvin Briggs Pres.
F. W. Conover Rec Sec

Oratory, Feb. 24, 1860, 6½ P.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Banks.

Sec. pro tem — The Secretary being absent S. A. Freeman was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Minutes — The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Critic — Mr. Banks was appointed Critic.

Essay — The regular essay was read by Mr. Samuel Dodd. Subject — "Ivories".

Debate — Criticism by Mr. Banks.

The Debate on the question "Ought the reading of the Bible in the Common Schools to be required by law?" was opened in the affirmative by Mr. Crawford and in the negative by Mr. Humphrey, followed by Messrs. Crawford, Andrews, S. Dodd, Taggart, Lemington,

Hutchinson, R. Brondfit, Butler, Taggart, Pope, S. Dodd, Crawford, Pope, Andrews, Sanson, Butler, Hutchinson, Lenington, Darragh, & R. Brondfit. On motion the 8th Bye-law was suspended for 10 minutes to allow members who had spoken twice an opportunity to speak on the question a third time. No one rising to speak the debate was closed.

Criticism by Mr. Banks.

Question March 16 — The following question for debate was selected for March 16th: "Is the doctrine of imputation, as taught by the "Old School", in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and sound reason?"

Appts, March 23 — The appointments for March 23rd are, Essayist, J. H. Carpenter, Debaters. — Wm Harris, & J. H. Johns.

United Pres. Review — On motion the Superintendent of the reading-room was directed to subscribe for a new Presbyterian Quarterly about to be issued at Allegheny City, under the patronage of the United Presbyterian Church.

No further business being presented, Society adjourned.

Marvin Briggs, Sec.
S. A. Freeman, Sec. pro tem.

Oratory, March 2. 1860 7 P.M.

Pres. & V. Pres. pro tem — The President and Vice President being absent the meeting was called to order by the Secretary, & Mr Daniel Dodd was elected President pro. tem.

Minutes — The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr Harris. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Critic — Mr Carpenter was appointed Critic for the evening.

Essay. — The Essay was read by Mr J. H. Burgeton on the "Phases of Religiosity". The criticism was pronounced by Mr Carpenter.

Debate — The Debate on the question "Resolved, that the Domestic should be encouraged rather than the Foreign Board of Missions." Mr Carpenter having withdrawn

(Critic) — Mr Hutchison was appointed Critic for the remainder of the evening. The Debate was opened in the affirmative by Mr J. E. Dixon and in the negative by Mr Clarke Valmon, and participated in by Messrs. Piper, Banks, Lenington, Sanson, Hutchison, Piper Taggart, Forsyth, Taggart, Sanson, Cobb, Hutchison Lenington, Dixon, Valmon, & Banks. Debate closed

at five minutes past nine oclock. The criticism on the debate was
Criticism pronounced by Mr Hutchison, and that on Mr Hutchison
by Mr Stitt.
Appts Apr 6 The appointments for April 6th are Essay - Mr J. H.
Morrow, Debate, Messrs P. Lexington and D. M. Moffatt,
New Member Mr Garrach nominated Mr Louis W. Pope as a member
of the Society. He was elected.
"Undergraduate" On motion of Mr Forsyth, the Librarian was instructed
to order the "Undergraduate" a journal published by the
Base of New Haven for the Reading Room.
Question Mch 9 The question selected for Mch 9. is "Is the use of a Liturgy
in Public Worship unfavorable to a Spirit of devotion?"
" " 23 That for Mch 23 - "Is every man who has been called to
the ministry under obligations to go as a missionary to
the heathen unless providentially prevented?"
The Society adjourned at 9.30 P.M.

Saml. Dodd Rec. Sec. pro tem
F. B. Converse Rec Sec

Oratory Mch 9. 1860 6½ P.M.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by Mr Davies
Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
Critic Mr Hyde was appointed Critic for the evening.
Essay The Essay was read by Mr McLean.
A criticism upon it was pronounced by Mr Hyde.
Debate The Debate on the question "Is the use of a Liturgy in
Public Worship favorable to a Spirit of Devotion?" was
opened in the affirmative by Mr W. S. Andrews, and
in the negative by Mr W. Alexander and participated
in by Messrs Andrews, Patterson, Hanson, Patterson
Dixon, Dwight Edwards, Andrews, Hanson, Young, W. Alexander
Criticism The debate closed at ten minutes before nine oclock and
the criticism was given by Mr Hyde.
Appts Apr 13 The Appointments for Apr 13 are Essay Mr John M. Roberts
Debate Messrs Alex Woodfit and F. B. Converse
Appointment for Monthly Concert Apr 2 Thomas Carter, Saml. Dodd and
Charles H. Lloyd
Adjourned at 10 min past nine oclock

Marvin Briggs Rec
F. B. Converse Rec Sec

Oratory Mch 16. 1860 6½ P.M.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by Mr Cain

Minutes — The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Critic — Mr Hooker was appointed Critic for the evening.

Essay — Mr W. Irvin read an Essay on Education, which was duly criticised.

Debate — The Debate on the question "Is the Doctrine of Imputation, as taught by the 'Old School' in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and sound Reason?" was opened in the Affirmative by Mr A. T. Waterman and in the Negative by Mr C. M. Hyde. On motion, the bye-laws were suspended to allow Mr Hyde fifteen minutes more to complete the argument. After which he was followed by Mr. Hooker, Mr Bawles & Mr Hyde. The Debate was arrested at ten minutes past eight o'clock, and the criticism was made by Mr Hooker.

Question Apl 13 — The following question for debate was selected for Apr 13. 1860. "Was the Atonement of Christ designed for all mankind or only for the Elect?

New Member — Mr John Merry was elected to membership of the Society.

On motion, the Society adjourned at a quarter past eight o'clock.

Marvin V. Riggs Pres.
F. W. Conwell Rec Sec

Oratory Mch 23. 1860.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by Mr Henry.

Minutes — The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Critic — Mr Henry was appointed Critic for the evening.

Essay — Mr J. H. Carpenter read the Essay on Philosophical Dreamers. After the Criticism the Debate was opened in the Affirmative by Mr

Debate — Wm Harris. Question "Is every man who has been called to the ministry under obligations to go as a missionary to the Heathen unless providentially prevented?" It was opened in the negative by Mr Henry M. Hurd and participated in by Messrs McLean, Harris, Humphrey, Andrews, Hooker, Harris, Hurd, Humphrey, Andrews & Geddes. The Debate was arrested at half past eight & the criticism was made by Mr Henry.

Appointments The following appointments were announced for April 20th Essayist Mr John Werry, Debaters Messrs R. H. Williams and T. C. Sanson

New Member On motion, Mr Charles H. Lloyd was elected member of this Society

Question of Apr 6 The question selected for Apr 6. is as follows "Is the Will of God the Foundation of Right?".

Hour of Meeting On motion of Mr Harris, the hour of meeting of the Society was changed from 6½ to 7 P.M. for the remainder of the Session.

The Society adjourned at 8.40. P.M.

Marvin Briggs Pres dt
F. W. Conover Rec. Sec

Oratory Apr 6. 1860. 7 P.M.

In the absence of the President the Meeting was called to order by the Vice President, and opened with prayer by Mr Starrett

Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Critic Mr Thos. C. Sanson was appointed Critic for the evening

Essay. The Essay was read by Mr J. H. Chorron. Subject Genius. Criticised by Mr Sanson.

Debate Postponed Both of the Debaters being necessarily absent, it was voted that Messrs Hyde and Hooker open the Debate on the question "Is the Will of God, the Foundation of Right?" These gentlemen excusing themselves on account of want of preparation, the Debate was postponed.

Reports Ordered It was voted that the Librarian, Treasurer and Secretary & other officers of the Society be instructed to bring in their reports next Friday evening; - that the meeting on that evening should be for the transaction of business and that it be considered the Annual Meeting of the Session.

On motion adjourned.

Thomas Carter Vice Pres dt
F. W. Conover Rec Sec

Oratory - Apr. 13. 1860
7 P.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. McKelway, the President, Mr. Briggs, being in the chair. A Secretary pro tem. was then Selected. Upon Reports being called for, Mr. Bayles presented that of the Corresponding Secretary — which was accepted; Mr. W. H. Hodge, Treasurer's Report accepted; the annual report of Corresponding Secretary was accepted.

Nominations were then made - viz:

For President - M. M. McLean (15) T. Carter (5)
S. M. Dodd (2) McKelway (1)

Mr. McLean elected.

For Vice President - Banks (12) Andrews (5) Dodd (5)

Mr. Banks elected.

For Recording Secretary - McMullin (11) Hart (7)

Mr. McMullin elected.

For Corres. Sec'y - Lloyd (16) therefore elected.

For Treasurer - Pomeroy - having largest number of votes, was elected by acclamation.

For Librarian - Hutchinson (22) elected.

Then moved by Mr. Hodge that a Committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's account. Carried, and Mr. Banks and Pomeroy appointed. Moved by Mr. McLean (and carried) that in the absence of Mr. Alexander, Mr. Hutchinson (the Librarian elect) immediately enter upon the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. McKelway, a vote of thanks was tendered to the President and other officers for the able and gentlemanly manner in which they have fulfilled the duties of their respective offices. Mr. Briggs replied. Speeches were then made by the Officers elect, after which the Society adjourned.

Chas. E. Hart sec. pro. tem.
per. Chas. T. McMullin, Sec. elect.

Oratory - Sep^r 7; 1860.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Hutchinson, the Vice Pres^t being in the chair. The performances were deferred till next evening.

Miscell: Business

Mr. Hutchinson then explained the object of the meeting: to wit — to procure papers for the Reading Room.

On motion by Mr. Freeman, the Daily World was subscribed for for 8 mos.

On motion of Mr. Newkirk, the Phil^a Inquirer do. do.

On motion of Mr. Hodge, the Society subscribed for

The Tribune (Daily)
N.Y. Times "
Boston Traveller "
Phila. Press " for the period of 8 mos.

Mr. Converse moved the N.Y. Herald be taken for 8 mo.

Tie vote. Mr. Pomeroy moved to lie on table. (Decided in order; 22 present) Carried.

Mr. Cobb moved the N.Y. Observer be stricken off. Lost. Mr. S.M. Dodd moved that the Librarian be authorized to write for those Missionary papers subscribed, but not written, for, at the close of the last term. Carr^d

The Methodist was subscribed for on motion of R. Williams

The Church Journal do. do. do. M. Andrews.

The Louisville Weekly Jour^l do. do. do. do. George.

The Chairman announced that his appointments would be posted during the week.

Proposal of Members.

The following Gentlemen were proposed for membership and elected — viz:

Messrs. Comfort
Greenleaf
Baker
Frame
E.B. Hodge
Campfield
Howell
C. Morison
J.M. Morison
Chambers
Osler
Abernathy.

Adjourned.

C.T. McMullin, Secretary.

Oratory, Sept. 14. 1860.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Pomeroy.
Minutes of last meeting were adopted.

Literary Exercises

Mr. Thomas Carter read an Essay on "The Character of John Hampden" – Mr. Forsyth was appd critic.
Debate. "Is the will of God the foundation of right?" Volunteers being called for, Mr. S. M. Dodd made a short but felicitous speech.

Musical Business

The following gentlemen were nominated & elected:

Elect. of members.

Messrs. Fidler, Ferriday, Lusk, Herron, Kerstman, Dean, Winterick, Brittain, Merwin, Howe, Strain, Boyd, Withrow

Papers.

Mr. Converse moved to take up the motion regard the N.Y. Herald, laid on the table at the last meeting – Carried. Mr. Converse moved that the Herald be subscribed for. Tie vote.
Mr. W. H. Hage moved to lay on table. Lost.
After much discussion, the original motion was carried.
On motion of Mr. R. Williams, reprints of the British Quarterlies were subscribed for.
On motion of Mr. Sawson, the United Presbyterian Quarterly was subscribed for.

Choice of question

The following is the Question chosen for next evening – "Should human compositions be placed on a par with the Psalms of David, as matter of Song in the worship of God?" Adjourned.

Chas. T. McMullin, Record. Secry

Oratory, Sep^r 21. 1860.

Opened with prayer by Mr. Lenington. The Vice Prest, Mr. Blanks, was in the chair. The Secretary being absent Mr. J.H. Young was appointed Sec^t pro. tem.

Literary Exercises. The essayist, Mr. Wherry, being absent, the next order of busines came up.

Mr. Williams opened the debate in the aff.

Subj. "Should human compositions be placed on a par with the Psalms of David as matter of Song in the worship of God?"

Opened on the Neg. by Mr. Sanson. The following gentlemen took part in the Debate: viz: Messrs. Dodd, Lenington, Wylie, E.B. Hodge, I.H. Young, Taggart, H.S. Alexander, Moffat, Rofs; Debate was then closed.

Mr. Humphreys, the appointed Critic, then delivered his Criticisms.

Business. Mr. Forsyth moved that the Banner of the Covenant be Subscribed for. Carried.

Mr. Pomeroy moved that the Librarian be instructed to report on the Subject of a bill of McGinnes & Smith at next meeting. Carried.

Appt^mts Appt^mts were made for Oct. 12.

Debaters— H.S. Alexander
I.D. Pomeroy

Essayist— Mr. Howe

The following question was then selected for the next evening— "Is the doctrine of the restoration of the wicked ~~are~~ founded on Scripture or reason?"

Elections Messrs. Carmichael & Giddings were elected to membership. Adjourned.

T. McMullin
Secretary Recording.

Oratory—

Sep^{r} 28. 1860.

Opened with prayer by Mr. Salmon—Vice Prest in the chair. The minutes, after correction, were adopted. Mr. Dean's Essay was then postponed till after the debate.

Literary Exercises

Debate

Mr. Andrews was appointed Critic.

Mr. A. Proudfit, who was appointed on the aff. being absent, the debate was opened by Mr. Humphrey. Neg. was then opened by Mr. Converse. The debate was then opened to the House. Messrs. Lusk, Burgster and Sanson participated in the debate. Mr. Dean then read his essay—"A Criticism upon the character of William, Prince of Orange." Mr. Andrews then delivered his Criticism upon the debate and essay.

Essay

Appointments

Appointments.

Oct. 12.° E. B. Hodge vice Mr. Howe; Essay^{t}

Oct. 19.° Essay^{t}—Mr. Newkirk

Debate—Mr. Hurd

Mr. W. Alexander

Monthly Concert—Oct. 1.° Committee—

Messrs. Piper, McDonald & Wiley.

Business Elections

Messrs. Crawford of Junior Class & Peabody were elected.

Selection of Question resulted in following: "Should Ministers engage in party politics"?

Reports

Mr. Hutchinson then reported upon the indebtedness of the Soc^{y}—amounting to nearly $ 30.00.

Soc^{y} then adjourned.

C. T. McMullin

Rec^{g} Secretary.

Oratory -

Oct. 5. 1860.

Opening — The Society was opened with prayer by Mr. Fox, the Vice President, Mr. Banks in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were then adopted.

Literary Exercises — Mr. Cobb was appointed Critic.
An Essay upon the "Plagues of Egypt" was then read by Mr. Burgster.
The debate - "Should ministers engage in party politics?" - was then opened by Mr. J. W. Crawford, on the aff. Mr. Osler being absent, the Debate was opened to the House. As no one seemed disposed to engage in ~~(politics)~~ the debate, the Criticism was presented by Mr. Cobb.

Appointments — For Oct. 26. Essayist - Mr. Darrach
Debaters - Mr. Salmon
" Carmichael.

Messrs. Sam. M. Dodd, Lloyd & Newkirk were appointed Committee on next monthly Concert.

Debate chosen — "Is deception ever justifiable?" was then chosen as question for next evening.
Mr. Rolfs moved that the Cincinnati Daily Commercial be subscribed for. Lost.
Mr. McKinney was then elected a member of the Society. On motion adjourned.

C. T. McMullin, Secretary.

Oratory – Oct. 12th 1860.

Opening — The Society was opened with prayer by Mr. E B Hodge, Mnr. Brooks, the Vice Best being in the Chair.

Minutes — The Sec'y being absent, Mr. Cobb was appointed Sec. pro. tem. The minutes of the last meeting were then read & approved.

Critic. — Mr. Kennedy was appointed Critic.

Essay — An Essay upon "The Reading of Books" was read by Mr. E B Hodge. The Criticism upon the Essay was then given by the Critic.

Debate — The Debate upon the Question "Is deception ever justifiable?" was then opened by Mr. F B. Converse – vice H. S. Alexander, absent – On the affirmative. Mr. Pomeroy followed upon the Neg.

The question was opened to the House & was spoken upon by Messrs. H. E. Crawford, R. Bancroft, Humphrey, Hutchenson, Wiley, E B. Hodge & George. The debate was closed at 9. 15 P.M. The Criticism was given by Mr. Kennedy.

Elections — Messrs. Fowler & A. J. Fullerton were elected.

Appt'mts — Appointments for Oct. 20.

Essayist – Mr. Winterick – Debaters, Comfort & Baker.

Business — Mr. Moffat then moved that as soon as sufficient funds should be in the Treasury, the "Cincinnati Daily Gazette" be subscribed for. Carried.

On motion adjourned.

C. T. McMullin

per

Sanford W. Cobb

Sec'y pro tem.

Oratory –

Oct. 19. 1860.

Opening — The Society was opened with prayer by Mr. Salmon – The Secretary being absent the President appointed Mr. S. T. Carter sec. pro. tem. After the reading of the Minutes, Mr. McKirk read an Essay upon Essay — the "Fiji and the Fijians." The Critic of the evening Mr. Williams remarked upon the Essay.

Debate — At the opening of the Debate, Mr. Hurd, the first gentleman on the affirmative being absent, the Debate was postponed for one week.

Appts — Mr. Darrach was appointed Essayist for the next evening.

Elects — Mr. White, Travis & Mister were elected.

On motion adjourned.

Sam. T. Carter
Sec. pro tem.

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D. K. McLean
Pres.

Oratory.

Oct. 26, 1860.

Minutes &c. The meeting was called to order by the President at 5 min. after 7, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Banks. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and, with a slight correction, approved. 16 members were present.

Essay Mr. Darrach read an Essay upon the "Character of Sir Walter Scott."

Debate Mr. Carmichael was appointed Critic. Mr. W. Alexander then opened the Debate on the affirmative — Subject — "Is it expedient that Candidates for the ministry apply for licensure at the end of the 2° year of the Seminary course?"

Mr. Hurd, the appointed disputant, being absent, the debate was thrown open to the House. Mr. Humphrey, Harris, W. Alexander, Carmichael, Sanson, Darrach, Pope, Forsyth, Enders, participated in the debate. Mr. Carmichael delivered a Criticism.

Question The following question was adopted for next Wed.

"Is the American Colonization Society worthy of the support of the Federal Government?"

Appt Nov. 2° Essayist — Debaters.

Winterich — Carmichael & Salmon

9° W. Alexander — Comfort & Baker

16° Harris — Pope & Forsyth

23° Cobb — Merritt & Sayre

Miscell. Business Mr. Harris then suggested the benefit to the interest of the Saturday Eve'g Prayer Meeting of a Circular Letter to those ministers lately graduated for the communication of matters of interest. A motion to this effect was made by Mr. Pope but withdrawn upon a question being raised as to the power of the Society.

On motion adjourned.

T. McC. Mullin —
Secretary.

A. K. McLeod
Pres —

Oratory: Nov. 2d, 1860.

Opening — At a quarter past seven the Society was called to order by the Prest and opened with prayer by Mr. Edgar. 12 members being present.

Minutes — The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Critic. — Mr. J.H. Young was appointed Critic, after

Essay. — which Mr. Winterick read an Essay upon Criticism. The Criticisms was then made.

Debate — Mr. Carmichael opened the debate on the affirm. Subject "Is the Amer: Colonies: Society worthy of the Support of the Federal Govt?" Mr. Salmon followded on the Negative.

The Debate being thrown open to the House, the following gentlemen participated in the Debate: Messrs. Pope, R. Brandfit, Samson, Hutchinson, Moffat, Carmichael, Andrews, Lenington, Ross. Debate was then closed, and the Criticism delivered by Mr. Young.

Question. — No question having been handed in by the disputants the by-laws were suspended, and a motion offered that the Society select a question for debate, and carried. Society selected following questions;

"Is it expedient for every Christian denomination to maintain separate Literary Institutions?"

Business — On motion of Mr. Andrews, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the bill presented by the Librarian for expenses incurred in forwarding papers to the Seamen's Home or some such institution.

Adjourned

Chas T. McMullin, Secy.

Appointments Nov. 30.

Essay McDonald,

Debate Banks,

A.S. Alexander.

J. K. McLean Presn

Oratory. Nov. 16, 1860.

The usual exercises were omitted last Friday Ev'g in order to hear an address delivered to the Students by Rev. M. Lindley Returned Missionary from Southern Africa upon "The Bible as a means of Civilization". The lecture was very well delivered.

Nov. 16, 1860.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6½ P.M. and was opened with prayer by Mr. Fox. The minutes of Nov. 2d were then read & approved. 6 members being present. The debates not being present, and such a small number of members in their seats, the Society unanimously resolved to postpone the Exercises until the following Meeting. Also unanimously resolved to adjourn, there being no other business before the Meeting, but adjournment.

D. K. McLean Pres.

J. McMullin Sec'y.

Oratory: Nov: 23d
1860.

Opening — The meeting was Called to Order at 7 P.M. by the President and was opened with prayer by Mr. Irvin.

Minutes — The minutes of last evening were read and approved.

Critic — The President having appointment (appointed) Mr. Banks as Critic of the evening, Mr. Wm Harris proceeded to read an Essay upon "Church Architecture".

Essay — The Critic then remarked upon the Originality and the interesting Character of the Essay.

Debate — The Debate being in order, the Secretary read the question. Messrs Comfort & Baker being absent the Debate was thrown open to the House. The following gentlemen participated in the debate: Messrs. Banks, E.B. Hodge Darrach, Young. The debate was closed at 8 P.M. and the Criticism was offered by Mr. Banks.

No question having been handed in by the Debaters, the following question was chosen by a vote of 4 to 1. "Should the observance of the Sabbath be enforced by Civil Enactments"

Miscellaneous business being in Order, Messrs E.P. Marvin & Donnelly were elected.

At 8¼ P.M. the Society adjourned, 9 Members being present.

Attest Ozt. Young. Dec. 7th Moffat & Hutchinson. Dec. 21. — D. K. McLean. Pres.

J. McMullin

Secretary.

Oratory, Nov. 30. 1860.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Bankhead. Prayer by Mr. Crawford. A sec. pro tem. was appointed, Mr. Carmichael. Critic, Mr. Young. Messrs Forsyth & Rose being absent, debate was opened by Messrs. Lehington & Harris. Bonafit, Stroud, Andrew Young & Moffat participated.
Mr. Blair elected. Adjourned.

J. Carmichael
Sec pro tem.

Opened by prayer Dec. 7. 1860.
by Mr. W. A. Hodge. Mr. Irwin was appointed Critic. Essay read by Mr. Cobb — "Lyrizot" — Historians of Civilization. Quest. May a State the right to Secede — Opened by Mr. Humphrey on the Neg. Followed by Mr. Danach on affir. Followed by Messrs Riley Bonafit, Carmichael, Moffat, H. S. Alexander, Irwin, Davis.

Appointments. Dec. 28. Est. E. T. Williams
Deb. Lenington & Converse.
Jan 4. Est. Mr. Hurd.
Deb. Starrett & Forsyth.

No question being selected by the Society the disputants were allowed to post their Clovia on the Bulletin.

J. A. Sandow
Sec pro tem.

Dec. 14. 1860.

Meeting called to order by Pres't Prayer offered by Mr. White. Essay by Mr. Young — Frederic the great of Prussia — Critic, Edgar; Debate — Aff. Bankhead, Neg. Alexander — followed by Humphrey, Bonafit, Starrett, Cowan, Davis, Moffat, Sample, Lyons, Edwards, Converse, Cobb.
By law as to selection of question suspended.
Brown & Dunlap elected members.
Adjourned.

Sec pro tem.

Oratory, Dec. 21. 1860.

The Soc'y was called to order at 7.15 P.m. Mr. Banks being in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mr. Giddings. Mr. Coble was appointed Sec. pro. tem. Minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted. Mr. Humphrey was appointed Critic. The essay was called for from Mr. McDonald who desired to be excused. Motion was made by Mr. Moffat that Mr. M. be excused. Carried. The question was then reconsidered. Moved by Mr. Hutchinson that the Soc'y adjourn till Jan. 4. 1861 - Carried. Jan. 4. being appointed as a National Fast, the motion was reconsidered, & on motion of Mr. Humphrey the Soc'y adjourned till Jan. 11. 1861.

J. H. Coble
Rec'g Sec'y pro tem.

Oratory- January 11. 1861.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President Prayer was offered by Mr. Darrach Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Mr. Senington was appointed Critic. Mr. Carmichael was appointed Sec. pro. tem. The essay for the evening was read by Mr. McDonald Subject-"Woman". The criticism upon the essay was then made.

The Debate was next in order - on the question:-

Would the division of the Church tend to its efficiency?

Aff. Mr. Hutchinson - Neg. Mr. Moffat. followed by Messrs. Darrach, E.B. Hodge, Humphrey, Prendit George, Young, Senington, Cobb, & Meffle criticisms were then made.

The regular business of the evening was the election of officers for the remainder of the Session. The Soc'y proceeded to ballot, and the following gentlemen were elected.

President	———	Mr. Humphrey
Vice Pres.	———	Mr. Andrews
Record. Sec.	———	Mr. Cobb
Corresp. Sec.	———	Mr. Lloyd
Treasurer	———	Mr. Carmichael.

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The question for debate in the next meeting was then chosen - viz:- Is the ruling elder of the Church the Presbyter of the Scriptures?

Adjourned at 9.30 P.M.

Jno M. Carmichael
Rec. Sec. pro. tem.

J.M.C.

*- Appointments for Feb. 1st

Essayist - Mr. Darrach

Debaters - { " Bayles - &
" Irwin

Oratory

Jan. 18th 1861.

The Soc'y was called to order by the Pres. Mr. Irwin led in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Mr. Alexander was appointed Critic. Mr. E. F. Williams read an essay. Subject - "Darwin on the origin of species." Criticism was given.

The debate, on the question - "Is the Ruling Elder in an Church the Presbyter of the S.S." was opened by Mr. Blair - in place of Mr. Converse - on the aff. Mr. Lemington followed upon the neg. The debate being then thrown open Mr. T. Carter addressed the Soc'y. Debate closed at 8.30 P.M.

Mr. Harlow was elected a member of the Society. Mr. Andrews moved that the Exec. Com. of the Society be requested to present a report. Carried. The question was reconsidered, & withdrawn, on motion of the regular original motion, on the grnd that the Society should not request the performance of a duty.

The question was selected for the debate at the next meeting - viz - "Is the system of reading sermons from the pulpit to be approved?"

Appointments -

Monthly Concert - Feb. 4th - Messrs. Howe, Newkirk, & Van Dyke

Regular appointments - Feb. 15th

Essayist — Mr. Harlow.

Debaters -

Messrs. Dean & E. B. Hodge.

Adj. 8.50 P.M.

H. A. Humphrey
P.S.

Sanford H. Cobb
Rec. Sec.

Oratory

Jan. 25th 1861

The Soc'y was called to order by the Pres. at 7.10 P.M. Prayer was offered by Mr. Hulse. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The essay was called for, but the essayist, Mr. Hurd was absent. The regular debaters being absent the debate was thrown open to the house - & Mr. Andrews spoke on the Negro. He was followed by Mr. Young - Messrs. Carmichael, Marvin, Lexington, Giddings, White, E. B. Hodge, & Abernathey.

The debate closed at 8.45 P.M. The criticism was then made.

Miscellaneous business being next in order - Mr. E. B. Hodge presented the following proposed amendments to the By-Laws - viz -

1 - The Sec. shall prepare at the beginning of each term an alphabetical list of all members of the society, adding in their proper place the names of new members as they unite.

2d - From this list the Pres. shall make all appointments in alphabetical order, commencing at the head of the list.

3 - The Pres.t shall have no power to excuse a member from performance of any appointment - Such excuse shall be granted only by the Soc'y.

4 - Any member failing to perform at the time appointed by the Pres shall be subject to a fine of 25 cts.

Action upon the propositions was, according to the Constitution, delayed until the next meeting.

The former Treas.r, Mr. Pomeroy, presented his report, which was referred to an Auditing Com. composed of Messrs. E. B. Hodge, Carmichael, & Lexington.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Soc'y - viz: Messrs. Lowrie, Johnston, & Forbes.

Mr. White moved that the Sec. be instructed to post upon the bulletin the place where the Register is to be found, and the number of the room of the Treas.r of the Soc.

Appointments for Feb. 22nd

Essayist -

Mr. Carmichael

Debaters -

Messrs. Abernathey & Andrews.

The question for debate for the next meeting was selected - as follows -

Is the evangelization of the heathen best effected by means of schools?

Adj. 9.30 P.M.

R. A. Humphrey Rec

Sanford H. Cobb

Rec. Sec.

Question for debate at the next meeting - "Is the Government of the U. S. essentially a Christian government? or does it rest simply on the assumption of the being of God.

Oratory Feb. 8th 1861

The Society was called to order by the Pres.t Prayer was offered by Mr. Sawson. The minutes of the last meeting were ~~approved~~ read - and, after slight correction, approved. Mr. McLean was appointed Critic. Mr. Darrach, the regular essayist, read a poem - subject; "Clutopsis." Criticism was made.

The appointed debaters being absent - the and no one present desiring to speak - Miscellaneous business was declared to be in order.

The Cor. Sec., Mr. Sloyd, read a letter from the Soc. of Inquiry of the Union Theol. Sem. of Virginia. Mr. Sloyd was instructed to send an appropriate response.

The Librarian was authorized to call upon the Treas.r for such funds as may be necessary to forward a box of papers to the Seamen's Friends' Soc.

Motion was made that the amendments proposed at the last meeting be referred to a Committee of three to be appointed by the Chair - and that said Committee be instructed, to inquire what other amendments need be made to either the Constitution, or By-Laws, or both, in order to promote the efficiency of the Soc. - and to report within two weeks.

Carried. Messrs. McLean, Andrews, & Collier were appointed.

Expunged

Mr. Harland moved that the Librarian be instructed to prepare two lists - one of the enrolled members of the Soc. - the other of such individuals - not members - who are entitled to the use of the reading room; and to place such lists in some conspicuous place in the reading room. Carried

Appointments - Mar. 8th - Ers.t

Mr. E. McKinney

Debaters - Messrs. Collier & ~~Edgar~~ Edgar

Adj. 8.45 P.M.

S. H. Cobb Rec. Sec. H. A. Humphrey Pres.

Oratory Feb. 15th 1861

The Soc. was called to order by the Prest. Prayer was offered by Mr. Dean. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Frame was appointed Critic. Mr. Harlow read an essay - Subject - "The Construction of Pulpits". The Criticism upon the essay was delivered.

The Debate was opened by Mr. Dean on the Aff - followed by Mr. E. B. Hodge on the Neg - being thrown open to the house it was remarked in by Messrs. Darrach, Collier, & Edgar. The Prest called Mr. J. Crawford to the chair, & spoke on the question - and was followed by Messrs. Williams, Cobb, Crawford, & Wiley. The Criticism on the debate was then given by Mr. Harlow, who had been appointed during the progress of the debate, in consequence of the regular appointee having gone from the room.

Mr. E. B. Hodge, from the Comm for auditing the accounts of the last Treas., reported that the accounts had been examined & found correct.

Mr. Hazard was elected a member of the Soc.

The following question was selected for the next meeting - "Is any one individual adequate to the discharge proper of the duties which ordinarily devolve upon the pastor?"

Appointments - For Mon. Con. Mar. 4th
Messrs. Andrews (Mc Lean Endors.) & Slutes.

For Mar. 15th - Essayist - Mr. Campfield
Debaters - Misses Sarah Dodd & Mc Lean

Adj. 9.15 P.M.

Sanford H. Cobb
Rec. Sec.

Oratory Feb 22nd 1861

The Soc. was called to order by the Pres. Prayer was offered by Mr ~~[illegible]~~ E.B. Hodge. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr E. B. Hodge was appointed Critic. Mr. Carmichael, the essayist appointed, was excused on account of his having misunderstood the date of his appointment, and requested to read an essay at the next regular meeting.

The Debate was opened on the Aff. by Mr Abernathey - & on the Neg. by Mr. Andrews. Mr Carmichael spoke upon the question - after wh the debate closed. The criticism on the debate was made.

Miscellaneous business was declared to be in order. Motion was made that, the measure requiring the Librarian to post in the Reading Room the names of all entitled to the use of said room, which was passed on Feb 8th - be expunged from the record. Carried.

Mr. Collier - from the committee on the Constitution & By-Laws - presented a report. The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed - and laid over for action until the next meeting - viz -

1 - To substitute for Art. 2. Sec. 1 - the words - "Any member of the Sem'y shall be eligible to membership of this Soc'y."

2 - In Art. IV. Sec. 4 - to strike out the words "an anthem" or quartette"

3 - In Art. IV. Sec. 5 - to change the limitations of time - say from 10 min. to 20 min. Also to limit the debate to one hour.

4 - To add another art. to the Constitution, as follows - "~~A quorum shall consist~~ One third of the regular members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

The following Amendments to the By-Laws were adopted.

1 - It shall be the duty of the Sec'y at the beginning

of each term to place upon the bulletin a state=
-ment of the existence and objects of this Soc.ty, with
an invitation to all, who may desire to become
members, to hand in their names to the Sec.y or
some other member of the Soc.ty, and also indicating
where the Soc. may be found.

2 – Any member of the Soc., having been proposed in
the manner above indicated, shall be elected by a
majority of the Soc.

3 – At his initiation it is required that he assent
to the following pledge:–

"You do pledge yourself to
perform all the duties which may devolve on
you as a member of this Soc.ty, and to do all in
your power to promote the welfare and efficiency
of the Society." –

And he shall be required to sign
the Constitution.

4 – The fore-mentioned fees, required of Members of
the Soc. & of those who enjoy the privileges of the
a Reading Room, shall be promptly paid to the Treas.r
within the first two months of the session, and new mem=
-bers shall pay the same within one months after
their initiation.

5 – Students – who are not members of the Society –
coming after the commencement of the session, shall,
b for the use of the Reading Room, be charged at the
rate of 25 cents per month.

6 – A copy of the laws for the regulation of the Read=
=ing Room and Library, and also a list of those entitled
d to the privileges of the same, shall be written out by
the Librarian in the early part of the session, and
shall be placed upon the inside of the door of the
Reading Room.

7 – Those who fail to pay their dues in the manner
e and within the time specified shall be deprived of the
use of the Reading Room, and their names removed
from the Librarians list, unless they shall be indulged
by a majority of the members of the Soc.

8 – In the 2° of the addenda to the By-Laws – to amend
i by substituting for the words "near the commencement
of the Session" – the words "on the 1st of October".

c 9– To amend by blending in one the 3rd By-Laws & the 3rd of the Addenda.

f 10– To amend the 5th of the Addenda by substituting the words "to a fine of 25 cts" – in place of "such a penalty as the Soc may impose."

h 11– The 6th of the Addenda was stricken out – & the following substituted – "Visitors shall be admitted to the use of the Reading Room."

k 12– The Sec. shall prepare at the beginning of each term an alphabetical list of all members of the Soc. – adding in their proper place the names of new members as they enter.

l 13– From this list the Prest shall make all appointments in alphabetical order, commencing at the head of the list.

m 14– The Prest shall have no power to excuse a member from performance of any appointment. Such excuse shall be granted only by vote of the Soc.

n 15– Any member failing to perform at the time appointed by the Prest shall be subject to a fine of 25 cts., unless a substitute provided by him shall perform in his place.

The following amendments to the By-Laws were proposed by Mr. Frame.–

1– All members shall be required to attend all the meetings of the Soc. or pay a fine of 25 cts, for each time of absence, unless excused by the Prest.

2– A roll shall be called at the beginning & close of each meeting.

3– No member shall leave the hall without the permission of the Prest.

Said over to the next meeting.

Mr. Andrews moved that a Com. be appointed to wait on the Professors and ascertain whether they would be willing to preside at the debates of the Soc. On motion of Mr. E. B. Hodge it was laid on the table.

The following question for debate in the next meeting was chosen –

"Has one nation a right to

force civilization on another?"

Appointments for Mar. 22nd

Essayist — Mr. Frame -

Debaters - ~~Messrs.~~ Darrach & Wiley -

Adj. 10.45 P.M.

Sanford H. Cobb
Rec. Sec.

Oratory Mar 8th 1861

The Soc. was called to order by the Pres. Prayer was offered by Mr. Carmichael. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Mr. Marvin – in place of Mr. McKinney, the appointed essayist – read a poem. An essay was read by Mr. Carmichael, in accordance with the request of the Soc'y. The Debate was opened on the aff. by Mr. Edgar – & on the Neg. by Mr. Collier – followed by Messrs. E. B. Hodge, Andrews, & Abernathey.

The Constitutional amendments – laid over from the last meeting – came up for consideration. The 1st – 2nd – & 3rd were adopted – the 4th (in relation to the quorum) was laid on the table.

The motion to appoint a Com. to wait upon the Prof.s & invite them to ~~debate~~ preside at the debates of the Soc – was taken from the table & passed.

Mr. Abernathey moved an amendment to the By-Laws – to the effect that Librarian should sell certain papers in the Reading Room. Lost.

The amendments to the By-Laws – proposed by Mr. Frame – were laid over till the next meeting – & the Sec. was instructed to post them on the Bulletin.

Mr. Collier moved that the Librarian be instructed to draw up as soon as possible such paper as required by the 6th By-Law adopted at the last meeting, & to post the same on the door of the Reading Room. Carried.

Question for debate at the next meeting – "Resolved, that the parlor & family is preferable to the Theological Seminary as a school for Ministerial training."

Adj.

Sanford H. Cobb
Rec. Sec.

Oratory Mar. 15th 1861

The Soc. was called to order by the Pres't. Prayer was offered by Mr. McLean. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Andrews was appointed Critic. Mr. Campfield read an essay on — "The Connection between Geology & Landscape Painting." The Essay was criticised.

The Debate was opened by Mr. McLean on the Aff. & Mr. Dodd on the Neg. — followed by Messrs. Carmichael, Hodge, Abernathey & Wiley.

Miscellaneous business being declared — motion was made that the Constitutional Amendment be taken from the table. Carried. It was moved that the Amendments to the By-Laws be considered first. Carried. Mr. McLean moved to lay the whole matter on the table. Carried. A Division of the House being called for — the motion was again carried.

Mr. McLean moved that when the Soc. adjourn it adjourn to the last Friday of the term. Carried.

Mr. Andrews was appointed a Com. to wait upon the Professors — for the purpose expressed in the motion made at a recent meeting —

Appointments —

For Monthly Concert Apr. 1st

Messrs. Grove, Roberts, & White.

Adjourned — to Apr. 19th.

Sanford H. Cobb

Rec. Sec.

Oratory Sep. 6 1861.

No Officers being present Mr Hutchinson was made Secy for tem: & Mr Williams was called to the Chair.

No officers having been elected at the usual meeting of the last term the society elected the following officers- Pres. S. N. Cobb: Vice-Pres.- Robinson: Rec'g Secy D.W. Young: Corres'g Secy- Ch. B. Lloyd: Treasurer- Robt Edgar: Librarian Mc Kinney. Following papers were voted for the Reading Room viz. N.Y. daily "World" & "Tribune": Phila Daily "Press": also Tri-Weekly Denver at {Tri-Weekly} Louisville Journals. Thanks of Soc'y were here given to Mr Ford Sims for his Under of the Weekly Mo. Republican.

Adjourned as usual.

P.S. Messrs Rankin & Webster were elected.

S.N. Hutchinson- Secy for tem.

Pro. D.W. Young.

Rec. Sec'y.

Oratory Sep. 13. 1861

Pres. Cobb in the Chair: Opened by prayer by Mr Robinson. Minutes were adopted.

Moved to subscribe for "The Missionary Organ of the Church Society of England": carried.

Moved likewise, to subscribe for the "News of the Churches"- carried. Moved by Mr Darrach to subscribe for the N.Y. Daily "Times"- amended to substitute the "Herald." Debated by Darrach, Robinson, W.A. Dean, Abernethy, Semple & Young. It was tabled.

The motion by Mr Eddis to take a Baltimore paper was lost.

Messrs O.S. Dean, Coffin, Shearer & Yale were elected.

Appointments:- Messrs Robinson & Hutchinson for debate- for Sep. 20th.

For Sep. 27- Coffin & Edgar for debate; Darrach for the Essay.

On Motion Soc. adjourned

D.W. Young Rec'g Sec'y.

Oratory Oct. 11_ 1861.

Prayer by H.E. Crawford. Society convened & was opened with prayer by Mr. H. E. Crawford. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read & approved.

Critic. Frame. The President appointed Mr Frame critic for the evening.

Essay. O.S. Dean. An Essay was read by Mr. O. S. Dean on "The Relation of Philosophy to Religion."

Debate. F.H. WINES & G.M. WILEY. The discussion of the question "Can we attain any definite idea of the characters of attributes of God by the Light of Nature alone?" was opened by Mr. G. M. Wiley in the Affs. & Mr. F. H. Wines in the Negs & was afterward participated by Messrs Proudfit, Lennington, Carmichael, Abernathy, & Darrach, supporting the Affs. & Messrs. Marvin & Howell the Negs.

The time prescribed by the Constitution for the Debate having expired, the President declared it closed.

Critics Report. Mr. Frame performed his duties as Critic of the evening.

The president read the evening's appointments for future meetings.

Pollock elected. Miscellaneous Business. Mr. Pollock was elected a member of the Society.

F. Wines appt Comm to confer w. Dr McGill regd Moot Courts. Mr. F. H. Wines moved that a committee be appointed to inquire of Dr. McGill whether, if the Society should determine to hold a Moot Ecclesiastical Court as one of its exercises, he would be willing to preside at such Courts, & to suggest cases for trial. Carried. Pres. appt. Mr. Wines as comm.

Resolution regard Books of Society Mr. Edgar offerred the following preamble & resolutions:—

"Whereas, the "Theological Society" as well as the "Society of Inquiry" are now merged into the Alexander Society; and

Whereas, a collection of books exists belonging to the former Theological Society; and

Whereas, these books are in a bad state of preservation owing to the place they occupy; & students can use them as well if removed elsewhere, therefore

Resolved, that the books now in the Reading Room & formerly the property of the Theological Society, be donated to the Public Library of the Seminary."

Laid on table. Mr Lennington moved to lay the resolutions on the table for one week. Carried.

New Members. Messrs. Merrill, & Conklin were elected members.

Questions for debate next evening. Mr. George's name was substituted for that of Mr. Fowler in the debate for next evening. The question "Are all persons dying in infancy saved?" was proposed by the debaters for next evening, & chosen by the Society.

Society adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS.

Oct. 18. Debate, Forsyth & George. Essay, Howell.
" 25 " J. Crawford & Marvin. " Webster.
Nov. 8 " Salmon & Proudfit " Pollock.
" 15 Monthly Concert, Barrack, F. Wines, & Mitchell.

C. Maurice Wines Recording Secretary.

Oratory, Oct. 18th 1861.

Prayer by J. Crawford. Society convened, Mr. Cobb in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr. J. Crawford. Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

Essayist excused. The essay being in order, Mr. Howell asked to be excused, having been too unwell to prepare. On motion his request was granted.

DEBATE. Lennington and George. The debate on the Question "Are all persons dying in infancy saved?" was opened by Mr. Lennington affirmatively, & Mr George negatively; and afterward was

General Discuss. participated in by Messrs. F. H. Wines, & L. Smith on the part of the Aff., & Messrs Frame, Pollock, Carmichael, Wiley, & Marsh of the Neg. Having been prolonged twenty minutes additional to the Constitutional time, the debate was then closed.

The Pres. read the appointments of the evening.

Constitution found & comm. discharged. The Pres. stated that the constitution was found, & that therefore the comm. appointed two weeks since was discharged.

Report of Dr McG's opinion on Moot Courts. Mr. F. H. Wines reported that Dr. McGill strongly favored the adoption of the plan of holding Moot Ecclesiastical Courts,

& would gladly aid the Society in carrying out such a scheme.

Comm. to draw up plan.

Mr. Lennington moved that a committee be appointed to draw up such a plan & submit it to the Society. Carried. Committee Lennington, F. Wines, & Rankin.

New Members.

The names of Messrs Howe, C. D. Kellogg, Jas Marshall, S. H. Scofield, & Chas. Sueller were proposed for election as members, & they were chosen to membership.

Society Adjourned.

C. Maurice Wines, Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS.

Oct^{r} 25th	DEBATE	J. Crawford, & Marvin.	ESSAY	Webster.
Nov. 8	"	Salmon & Proudfit	"	Pollock.
" 15	"	Howell & Mitchell	"	Frame.
"	& Monthly Concert.	Darrach, F. Wines, & A. C. Smith.		

Oratory, Oct. 25th 1861.

Prayer by Mr. Lennington.

Society convened, Mr. Cobb in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr. Lennington. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Wiley Critic.

Mr. Wiley was appointed Critic for the evening.

Webster's Essay.

Mr. Edgar by permission of the Soc^{y} read an essay by Mr. Webster upon the Subject of "The proper name of the Lord's Day"

Critic.

The Critic performed his duty in respect to this exercise.

Debate by J. Crawford & Marvin.

The Debate of the evening was upon the question "Is christening by a Romish Priest valid baptism?" Mr. J. Crawford opened the discussion upon the past of the affirmative & Mr. Marvin of the Neg. It was afterward participated in by Messrs. Hutchison, Robinson, F. Wines, McDonald, & J. M. Morrison, Affirmatively; & Messrs. Lennington, Conklin, Salmon, Pollock, & Carmichael Negatively.

Miscellaneous Discussion.

The time allotted in the Constitution for the discussion having expired, on motion it was continued & closed at 8-55 o'clock.

The Critic spoke upon the merits of the Debate.

Mr. Robinson offered the following Constitution

Constitutional Amendments.

al Amendments:—

1. Resolved – that Section V. of the Constitution & By Law VII shall be & hereby are so amended as that the leaders of the Debate shall hereafter both opened & close the discussion, & shall be allowed ten minutes for each argument.

2. Resolved – that all rules in any way conflicting with this amendment be repealed.

Boston Review & S.S. Times subscribed to.

Mr Webster moved that the Soc^{y} subscribe to the Boston Review. Carried.

On motion the S.S. Times was subscribed to. Carried

The selection of Question for Debate upon next evening was left to the Disputants.

Society Adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS.

Nov. 4. Monthly Concert. Darrach, T. Wines & A. C. Smith.
" 8 Debate Salmon & Proudfit: Essay, Pollock.
" 15 " Frame & Mitchell " Howell
" 22 " Morrison W. D. P. & Kellogg C. D. " McDonald.

C. Maurice Wines. Secretary.

Oratory Nov. 8th 1861.

Prayer by Mr. E. P. Cowan.

Society convened, Mr Cobb in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr. E. P. Cowan. Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

Marshall Critic

Mr. Marshall was appointed Critic of the ev^{g}.

~~Howell's~~ Essay by Mr. Pollock.

An essay upon the subject "Associated Beauty" was read by Mr Pollock & criticised by Mr. Marshall.

Debate by Messrs Salmon & Proudfit.

Mr. Salmon for the Aff & Mr Proudfit for the Neg. opened the Debate upon the question "Are only the children of Believers proper subjects for Baptism?"

General Discussion.

The discussion was afterward joined in by Messrs Williams Pollock Affirmatively, & ~~the~~ was then upon motion closed.

Critic.

The Critic performed his duty in regard to the Debate.

Boies elected Member.

Mr. Boies was elected a member of the Society.

Question for next evening.

The Debaters submitted the following question for the next evening which was upon motion adopted: viz- "Is Fasting a means rather than an end in religious worship?"

Society adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS.

Nov.r 15th DEBATE Frame & Mitchell ESSAY Howell
" 22d " C. D. Kellogg & W. P. Morrison ESSAY. McDonald.
" 29th " Carmichael & Darrach " Read.

Dec.r 2d MONTHLY CONCERT Wiley, Harlow, & Cowan.

C. Maurice Wines Secretary.

Oratory Nov. 15th 1861.

Prayer by Mr. C. D. Kellogg.

Society convened in regular session, Mr. Cobb in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr. C. D. Kellogg. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Essay by Mr. Howell.

Mr. Howell read an essay upon "Respect for the Dead"; which was remarked upon by Mr. Robinson the Critic of the Evening.

Robinson Critic.

Question for Debate.

The question for the evening was "Is Fasting a Means rather than an End in Religious Worship?" Mr. Frame, one of the debaters, being absent, & having

Frame fined for neglect of duty.

provided no substitute, was fined by the President twenty-five cents for his neglect of duty. Mr. Mitchell

Mitchell open.s of the Debate.

then opened the discussion with an argument for the negative. The debate was afterward carried on by Messrs.

Gen.l Discussion.

Boies, Marshall, W. J. P. Morrison, Conklin, C.M. Wines, & Pollock.

Criticism.

Mr. Robinson criticicized the Debate.

New Members.

Messrs. Tho. S. Johnson, & D. J. Wilcox were elected members of the Society

Report on Moot Courts.

Mr. Lennington submitted the following report from the committee Appointed to draft a plan of Moot Ecclesiastical Courts.

At every alternate meeting of the Society, instead of the usual Essay & Debate, there shall be held a Moot Ecclesiastical Court. This Court shall be constituted in the same way as a regular church judicatory, & the rules for judicatories adopted by the General Assembly shall be in force.

The object of each session of the Court shall be to discuss a question of church polity or discipline previously announced. After the opening of the Court in the usual manner, two persons previously appointed shall read written opinions upon the question assigned them. These opinions shall not be less than five or more than fifteen minutes in length. The question shall then be open to the members for discussion. The debate shall be closed at the end of an hour and a half, unless a motion be carried to the contrary.

At the close of the debate, Dr McGill, if present, shall be requested to give his opinion with regard to the merits of the case.

A question for discussion at the next session of the Court shall then be announced by the Moderator, and two debaters appointed by him.

A Moderator for the next session shall then be elected by ballot. No person shall act as Moderator twice in succession.

The meeting shall then be adjourned.

Mr Darrach moved that the Report be adopted as an amendment to the Constitution. This question was laid over one week.

Amendment to By-Laws.

Mr J. H. Wines moved to amend By-Law 7 by now substituting therefor the following words. "The questions for debate shall hereafter be appointed by the Pres.t; provided that no political questions be discussed by the Society." The motion was rejected.

Meeting of Nov. 29 postponed.

It was moved that the meeting of the Soc.y of Nov. 29th be postponed one week, & the exercises laid over Carried

Question on Spring Resolutions rejected.

It was moved that the question "Was the Action of the Genl Assembly on the 'Spring Resolutions' expedient? be selected for debate upon the next evening. Lost.

Mr Wilcox moved to reconsider the motion of Mr Wines in ref. to the appt of questions for debate, by the Prest. Carried.

The motion was carried.

Question for next Evening.

The Prest. then appointed the question for the next evening — viz. "Is Privateering ever justifiable?

Society adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS.

Nov.r 22d Debate — C. D. Kellogg & W. J. P. Morrison Essay McDonald
Dec.r 6th " Carmichael & Darrach " Read.

Dec.r 2d Monthly Concert. Fowler, Abernathy & Cowan.

C. Maurice Wines Secretary.

Oratory Nov. 22d 1861.

Society convened in regular session, Mr. Cobb in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr. Darrach.

McDonald is fined.

The essayist, Mr. McDonald, being absent, & having provided no substitute, was fined twenty five cents for neglect of duty.

Boies; Critic.

The Prest. appointed Mr. Boies Critic for the evening.

Debate; Kellogg & Morrison.

The Debate upon the question "Is Privateering ever justifiable" was opened by Mr C.D. Kellogg for the Aff, & Mr. W. J. P. Morrison for the Neg., & was afterward participated in by Messrs. Mitchell, Cowan, Robinson & Carmichael, affirmatively, & Messrs Darrach, Mitchell, Starrett & Semmingtons, negatively.

Genl Discussion

Criticism.

Mr. Boies offered his criticisms.

Consideration of Amendments

The Amendments to the Constitution were taken up. Mr Ellis moved they be voted on section by section. Carried

change in time of meeting

Mr. Morrison moved that the time of meeting holding the Court be changed from every other week to once a month

roposed. Lost.

Motion lost. & the 1st section adopted.

Sec. 2. was read & adopted.

Change in §3.

In Sec. 3. Mr. Lennington moved that in place of the name "Dr. McGill" the words "the Professor of Church Government" be inserted. Carried. Sec. & adopted.

~~In Sec. 5 Mr Brown moved that the words "in succession~~

§§ 5, 6 were adopted unanimously.

Appointments

Question for next evening.

The President read the Appointments for the next Regular Session of the Alexander Society, & announced the question for the next evening: viz. "Ought a man to receive into his creed any doctrine the grounds of which he has not investigated for himself?"

Appts for Court

The President appointed Mr. T. Wines & Mr Lennington to discuss the Case for trial at the first session of the Ecclesiastical Court.

L Case.

The Case to be discussed was presented.

Moderator chosen.

A ballot for Moderator of the Court at its primary session was ~~held~~ taken, & Mr. Robinson was elected.

Society adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS.

DEC. 6. DEBATE — Carmichael & Darrach.
ESSAY — Read.

DEC. 20. DEBATE — Cowan & Boies.
ESSAY — McKinney.

DEC. 13. ECCLESIASTICAL COURT — T. Wines & Lennington.

C. Maurice Wines, Secretary.

has no vote,) from a Court competent to try these three elders?

If the accused thinking the court not competent, or one in which they could not reasonably expect a fair & impartial trial, is it proper for them to refuse to be tried, & to ask that the whole matter be referred to the Presbytery to commence & issue the process of trial?

But if the so-called court consider itself competent to try & issue the case & decline to refer the whole matter to Pby, is it proper for the accused still to refuse to be tried & request that the case be referred to Presby., & in their persisting in this course, should they be suspended for contumacy?

[Dr. Miller, in his "Ruling Elders" pp. 316, 317 gives excellent remarks in similar cases but they do not cover this case"]

F. Wines elected next Moderator.

Mr. F. Wines was elected Moderator for the next session of the Court.

Minutes read Prayer by Carmichael

A motion to adjourn being passed, the minutes were read & the session of the Court was closed with prayer by Mr. Carmichael.

C. Maurice Wines Clerk.
J. H. Robinson, Moderator.

Oratory, Dec. 20, 1861.

Prayer by Mr. F. Wines. Hutchison Critic Read's essay on The Ideal. Debate. Messrs Carmichael & Darrach.

Society convened, Mr Cobb in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr. F. Wines; The minutes of Nov. 22 & Dec. 6. were read & approved.

Mr. Hutchison was appd. Critic for the evening.

Mr. Read read an essay on "The Ideal", wh was remarked upon by the Critic.

Mr. Carmichael opened the discussion by an argument in favor of the affirmative of the question "Ought a man to receive into his creed any doctrine the grounds of wh he has not investigated for himself?" He was succeeded by Mr. Darrach.

General discussion.

for the Negative. The debate was then engaged in by Messrs. F. Wines, Hutchison, Boies, Robinson, & Kennedy for the aff. & Messrs Rankin & Cobb for the neg.

Criticism.

-Criticism was made by Mr. Hutchison.

Appointments.

The appointments of the Chest. & the questions for discussion at the next two literary meetings were announced.

Libr. instructed eg^ds y^e Cabinet.

Mr. Abernathy moved that the Librarian be instructed & take some measures to kill the moths in the Cabinet of the Reading room. Carried

Invitation to Mr. Moffatt to deliver a lecture.

Mr. F. Wines moved that the Society invite Dr. Moffatt to deliver his lecture upon the Caliphs of Bagdad, on the evening of Jan. 17 & that the exercises of that date be postponed one week. Carried.

F. Wines fined.

Mr F. Wines was fined 00 cents for carrying the Presbyterian away from the Read^g Room.

Adjournment till Jan. 10.

Mr. Robinson moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn till Jan. 10. Carried.

Exercises postponed.

On motion it was resolved that the exercises of Jan 3 be held on Jan 10, & the Moot Court be postponed till Jan 24.

Society Adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS.

JAN. 6. 1862. McDonald, Abernathy, & Cowan. Mo Concert

JAN. 10. ESSAY McKinney,

DEBATE Boies & Cowan.

JAN. 24 MOOT COURT Cobb & Hutchison.

JAN. 31. ESSAY Marshall,

DEBATE Scofield & Kennedy.

Question for Jan. 10 — Is Immersion the only valid mode of baptism?

Question for Jan. 31 — Is Roman Catholicism dangerous to Civil Liberty in this Country?

C. Maurice Wines, Secretary.

Oratory, Jan. 10. 1862.

Society convened, Mr. Cobb in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr. Carmichael.

Prayer. Carmichael

Mr. Carmichael was appointed Critic.

McKinney fined 25 cts.

Mr. McKinney, the Essayist, being absent, & having provided no substitute, was fined 25 cents for neglect of duty.

Debate betw Cowan & Myers.

Mr. Cowan opened the discussion on the part of the Aff. of the question "Is Immersion the only valid mode of Baptism?" Mr. Myers, a substitute for Mr. Bois, supported the Neg. The debate was afterward participated in by Messrs. Scofield [neg.] Luther, by invitation, [aff.] A.C. Smith [neg.] Starrett [neg.] T. Wines [aff.] Pennington [neg.] Robinson [aff.] & was closed at 9½ o'clock.

Gen'l Debate.

Announcements.

The announcement of appointments was made.

Report from Comm to prepare a plan for increasing y^e interest of Soc^y.

Mr. T. Wines, from the Committee to devise some means to ~~make~~ increase the interest of the society's exercises, presented the following Report:—

"The Committee appointed to inquire what can be done to ~~make~~ render the meetings of the Alexander Society more interesting feel it their duty to report that the Princeton Seminary now contains the very finest set of young men in America, if not in the world. They would say in the world, but the foreigners who belong to it might consider that boasting. They feel it their duty, however, to add that this noble band, the very flower of our best colleges, seem to be absolutely unable to maintain a literary society in their institution which would not be a disgrace to any of the Seminaries of learning from which they have come. It is a palpable fact that not a college in the country can be found, where the attendance is so small & irregular, the failures in duty so frequent, or the lack of preparation ~~so~~ for debate so universal as in these proud old halls which once echoed to the

voices of Magie, & Murray, & Breckenridge, & Rice, & Alexander, & Wadsworth.

"Your Committee, in inquiring into the causes of this want of interest, are convinced that two things have principally operated to bring it about, whose action has been mutual, - want of regular & general attendance, & want of preparation. Essayists & debaters excuse themselves from taking any pains, because they know that there will be no one here; & no one comes because everything one knows that no one will be ready to say anything to the point. We come here, & if we speak at all, we utter on the spur of the moment the crudities which occur to us at the time. This purely extemporaneous debate is equally unprofitable & uninteresting. The consequence is that many men feel it their duty to remain in their rooms, & Study.

"Now various things have contributed to this result. One is, perhaps a want of appreciation of the importance of fluency & earnestness in extempore speech, a thing which cannot be acquired but by practice, & which ought to be acquired before leaving the Seminary. It is said to be a fact that while Princeton men are in advance of the students of other Seminaries in scholarship & ability to grapple with a subject, they are far less acceptable & impressive than to the public as preachers. It would not be surprising if this were true; for very few of us make any especial effort to for ease & effectiveness of delivery. We do not pay at all too much attention to the matter of preaching, but we pay far too little to the manner.

"Another thing wh has aided to diminish the interest of the society is the failure to choose interesting & important questions for discussion. We do not wish to waste our time over matters of no moment.

"But if the whole truth is to be expressed in one word, the reason why the Alexander Society is gravitating to a lower level is simply this:- we put everything else before it. We look upon it as a

place of recreation, not of preparation for Christ's service. We plead want of time & want of interest, as if the subjects discussed were of no earthly consequence, as if this Society does not furnish a field for the cultivation of the very thing in which alone our Seminary is deficient. And because others do not do their duty, because we are not amused without any effort on our part, we refuse to do anything & forget that in becoming members of an Association, as this is, we do solemnly bind ourselves to do what we can for the improvement of others, our fellow members, & in failing to do anything we are violators of a covenant.

"The Committee are persuaded that the Society can be made to lift its drooping head from the dust; if all the members or any considerable portion of them will unite their efforts to accomplish this end. There are now only six more evenings during the remainder of the Session upon which we shall have any literary exercises. The Committee wd recommend that a special effort be made to have the exercises upon these nights of a superior character, so that the Seminary may glory in the Alexander Society, instead of being ashamed to invite any stranger in Princeton to be present at its meetings.

"We might have a society to which we could look back in after years with pleasure, & whose fame should be spread abroad, if the Alexandrians will only make "a long pull, a strong pull, & a pull all together." There is talent enough here nothing is wanted but the Will.

"In other words the Committee recommend that for the six ensuing nights, six of the finest essayists & twelve of the best debaters in the Society be chosen to lead the exercises; that interesting & important questions be selected, such as the Unity of the Human Race, the differences between Old & New School Theology, or the controversy upon the subject of X's second coming; that all the members attend; & that a sufficient number of them study the subject enough to have some-

thing to say which shall be worth hearing. For example, if y^e question of the Unity of the Race were selected, there is no doubt that Dr. Guyot would give to the debaters, if they sh^d ask it, a brief synopsis of the heads of argument on each side, with references to authorities. If then each topic of argument were assigned to a particular man, each individual w^d have little to do; & yet if each prepared thoroughly, they w^d together present a mass of interesting & valuable information well worth listening to. The committee are also of opinion that the five minute rule is more injurious than beneficial, as it is impossible for an inexperienced debater to say very much to the point in that time, & the foreknowledge of this discourages those who if more time were allowed them would be more willing to prepare.

"This report is not very definite, it is true, but it may stir up some to undertake the work of resuscitation which cannot be accomplished by any three or four men alone. The comm. are confident that if this plan is adopted, some fifteen or twenty men can be persuaded to sacrifice time enough to prepare one essay or debate as well as they possibly can, by the end of the session we shall have an abundant attendance & interest.

"Lest we sh^d seem in anything said, to have taken back the opinion first expressed in this report, we conclude by reaffirming that Prince^n Seminary now contains the very finest set of young men in the world"

Rep. rec^d

The Report was, on motion, received & adopted.

Rep. req^d Dr Moffatt's Lecture.

The Secretary reported that he had presented the invitation of the Society to Dr. Moffatt that he sh^d deliver a lecture before them on the evening of Jan. 17^th, & that he had consented to do so, & that his subject as announced on the bulletin ~~was~~ will be "Harun al Raschid, & Sara-

cenic Civilization."

Election. Election of officers was held & the following persons were chosen:— Robinson, Pres.t; F. Wines, V. Pres.t; W. S. Brown, Sec.y; W. J. P. Morison, Treas.; Frame, Corr. Sec.y

Society adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS.

JAN. 24.. Moot Court, Cobb & Hutchison.

JAN. 31.. Essay, Marshall.

Debate, Scofield & Kennedy.

Question, Is R. Cath.m dangerous to civil Liberty in this Country?

FEB. 3. Mo. Concert — Proudfit Brown & Rankin

FEB 7 Moot Court.

FEB. 14 Essay — Boies.

Debate Wilcox & R. H. Williams.

Question Do the SS. teach the doctrine of a limited atonement?

S. H. Cobb, President
C. M. Wines, Secretary.

Oratory Jan 31st 1862

Society convened, Mr Robinson in the Chair & was opened with prayer by Mr Burgeler

Critic — Mr C Kellogg was appointed Critic

Essay — An Essay was then read by Mr Marshall, on "Use & Abuse of Talent"

Debate — Mr Kennedy opened the debate on the question previously announced, "Is Roman Catholicism dangerous to Civil Liberty in this Country", and was followed by Mr Scofield.

Nominations — The following Gentlemen were nominated & elected Members of the Society viz Messrs Phelps, Ludlow & Kenyon

Resignation — The resignation of Mr Frame, from the office of Cor Sec. was accepted by Soc

Election — Mr Hutchison was elected to the office of Cor Sec^t

Appointments — The following appointments were announced by the Chairman viz

Feb. 28 Essay Cobb
Debate Ludlow & M. Wines
Question.- "Is the second Coming of Xt to be a literal advent"? Society adjourned

J. H Robinson Pres
W. S. Brown Sec^t

Oratory Feb 7th 1862

Moot Court

The Alex^r Soc^y convened as a Moot Eccl^l Court, and was opened with prayer by Mr Hutchinson
The minutes of the last presbyterial Session were read & approved. Case No 2. being called for, Mr Cobb presented the Majority report, & Mr Hutchinson that of the minority
The question, on being thrown open to the house, was discussed by Messrs Robinson, Darrach, Lemington, Wilcox, Crawford, Salmon & Sample.

Appointments — The Moderator announced the disputants for the next meeting of the Court, to be Messrs Wiley & Moffat
An Abstract of Case No III to be discussed at the next session of the Court was then announced

over

Abstract of the original Overture, from the Synod of Ky. to the General Assembly Convened in Phil.a May 1861

Case No III

At the Oct session of ye Synod of Ky, the Committee on Bills & Overtures reported the following resolutions, in explanation of a clause in Ch XV § 4 (Form Govt)

Resolved, that in the judgment of this Synod, the true intent & meaning of Ch XV § 4 concerning the election of Pastors is, that no person shall be entitled to vote in such election, who does not profess obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, as the King & Head of his Church, & who does not also yield that obedience, by submitting to the censures of the Church, regularly administered, & that of this class of persons, no one is entitled to vote, who does not contribute his just proportion, according to his own engagements, or the rule of that Congregation, to all its necessary expenses.

R. J. Breckinridge in behalf of himself & others presented a protest & Complaint to the Next Gen Assembly against the interpretation, by synod, of the foregoing clause —

Protest.

"The provision of the Form of Govt thus interpreted determines the qualifications of electors, in the calling and settlement of pastors. The interpretation of Synod forbids any but professors of religion to vote, & forbids any professor of religion from voting, except such as contribute to all the necessary expenses of the Congregation — This interpretation, therefore, excludes from the right of suffrage for pastor, all who contribute to the support of the Gospel, but are not members of the Church, and all who are members of the Ch, but do not contribute thereto; which interpretation we judge to be (1) erroneous (2) contrary to the most prevailing habits of the Presbyt Ch. (3) destructive of the rights of multitudes of Christian people (4) destructive to the rights of multitudes of regular members & stated contributors in all Presbyterian Congregations (5) inconsistent with the true nature of the relations of the Christian Church to human society, in its great work of evangelizing the world (6) hostile to the peace, the unity, the growth and efficiency of our Congregations

It will be observed that the clause whose meaning is disputed has received two different interpretations

The Majority of the Synod of Ky contend that the only lawful electors of Pastor in any Church are those who submit to the censures, and that of this one class of electors, some may be excluded from the privilege is such as refuse or neglect to contribute their just proportion of the necessary expenses of the Congregation

The Minority of the Synod of Ky contend that two distinct classes of persons are entitled to vote in the election of a Pastor viz 1 Those who submit to the Censures of the Church 2 Those who contribute to its necessary expenses, whether they submit to the censures of the Church or not.

The following points arise for discussion

Points 1st Does this paper bring up to the Assembly a subject that is properly one of "Protest & Complaint" being essentially a matter in these, to be brought up by reference or review See Book of Discip

2 If it be brought up properly, should the "Protest & Complaint" against the Synod of Ky be sustained-

ELECTION Mr Hutchinson was elected Moderator for the next session of the Court

A motion to adjourn was passed, and the Session was closed with prayer by Mr Wilcox-

Fred H Wines.
Moderator

Walter S. Brown
Clerk

Oratory Feb 14th 1862

Society convened, Mr Robinson in the Chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Kennedy-

Critic — Mr Reid was appointed Critic for the evening —

Essay — An Essay on "The Credulity of Skepticism" was read by Mr Mead C Williams —

Debate — The debate on the question previously announced, being called for, it was found that Mr R H Williams who should have sustained the Affirmative, was absent. On Motion, Mr Wilcox opened the debate on the part of the negative.

Messrs Tenney, Starrett & Sample participated in the debate, which was closed at the usual hour

Fined — Mr R H Williams was fined twenty five cents for being absent from the debate.

Obituary — The President appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs Lexington, Withrow & Coffin, to prepare an obituary on the death of our fellow student Mr Otis B Webster.

Appointments — The following appointments were announced by the Chair — viz

March 3. Monthly Concert. Proudfit, Brown & Rankin

March 7th Debaters. A C Smith & Starrett

Essay. Conkling

on Motion. Society Adj

J H Robinson Pres

Walter S Brown Sec

Oratory Feb 21st 1862

Moot Court

Society convened as a Moot-Ecclesiastical Court. As neither of the Gentlemen who were appointed to conduct the debate, was present, the exercises were postponed.

Adjourned to meet on Friday Mar 7th

W S Brown Sec

Oratory
Feby 28th 1862

In the Absence of the Pres't & Vice Pres't, the exercises of the Soc't were adjourned by the Sec't, as there was no quorum present

J H Robinson Pres't
W. S. Brown Sec't

Oratory Mar 7th 1862

Moot Court

Soc't met according to adjournment as a Moot Ecclesiastical Court; and was opened with prayer by Mr Edie

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

In the absence of the regularly appointed disputants, Case No 3. was opened by Mr Marvin.

The following Gentlemen took part in the debate viz Messrs Coffin, Wilcox & Edie.

It was moved & carried, that when the Court adjourn it be till the beginning of the next session —

It was further moved & carried, that the election for Moderator be postponed till the first regular meeting of the Alexandrian Society in Sept next

Adjourned with prayer

S N Hutchison
Moderator

Walter S. Brown
Secretary

Oratory

March 21st 1862

In the absence of both Pres't & Vice Pres't. the Society was called to order by the Cor Sec't & opened with prayer by Mr Boies. An election for officers pro tempore, resulted in the choice of Mr Lenington for Pres't. and Mr Shearer for Vice Pres't

There being no literary exercises. Society adjourned

Appointments

Mar 28. Debate Messrs C M Nimes & C D Kellog Q[uestion] indebelow

Essay Mr Boies

Apl 7th Reporters Messrs Wilcox, Kennedy & W J P. Morrison

Apl 4th Debate Messrs A C Smith & Rankin

Question

Essay Mr George

Question for Mar 28. Should communicants alone be allowed to vote in the election of pastor?

R. Lenington Pres't pro tem

W S Brown Sec'y

Oratory

Mar 28th 1862

Society convened, and was opened with prayer by Mr W. J. P. Morrison.

Owing to the small attendence, the literary exercises were all postponed.

Moved by Mr Darrach & carried, that when the Society adjourn, it be till Apl 25th.

A committee consisting of Messrs Edie Boies & Darrach was appointed, to solicit contributions from those, not members of the Society, who have had the use of the Reading Room. Said Committee to report at the last meeting of the Session —

No more business. the Society Adjourned

R Lenington Pres't

Walter S Brown

Sec'y

Oratory
Apl 25th 1862

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting was postponed sine die.

Oratory.
Sept. 12th 1862.

Officers pro tem:

Society convened, and on motion of Mr. J.S. Frame, Mr. A.C. Smith was elected temporary President. On motion of Mr. J.H. Myers, S.J. Coffin was elected Secretary pro tem.

Prayer by the Pres.

The meeting was then opened with prayer by the President, after which

Constitution read.

portions of the Constitution and By Laws of the Society were read for the information of the candidates for membership, of whom a number were present.

New Members Elected.

The following persons were proposed for membership, and elected seriatim, viz;

Messrs	R. M. Luther	F. Hosford
	H. E. Butler	P.S. Jennings
	D. W. Cameron	A. Knight
	I. W. Cochran	A. Little.
	R. A. Davidson	S.A. Pearce
	B. A. Dean	S. B. Simes.
	F. J. Fairbanks.	G. L. Smith
	Oliver Hemstreet.	Chas. E. Van Allen.

It was moved that we now proceed to the election of Officers for the term. Lost.

Newspapers subscribed to.

A motion that we now enter upon the selection of newspapers for use in the Reading Room was debated at some length, and carried: whereupon, it was voted that the (N.Y.) "Daily Times", the (N.Y.) "Daily World," and (Philada) "Press" (daily) should be subscribed to for the period of eight (8) months. Similar motions with regard to the (N.Y.) "Tribune", and (N.Y.) "Herald" were lost.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Ambrose C. Smith; President pro tempore.

Selden Jennings Coffin. Secy pro tem.

Oratory. Friday evening. Sept 19/62

Society was opened with prayer by Mr. Myers. Minutes were read and adopted. It was voted that we Enter upon the election of Officers, and that the balloting be conducted for each Office separately.

The Election being suspended (by a motion to that effect) the following persons were admitted to membership:

Messrs. J. N. Alexander

Members elected.

J. H. Appleton	J. S. Mc Coy.
A. H. Brown	S. C. Mc Elroy.
H. P. Dechert	H. S. Newcomb
J. R. Fisher	S. S. Orris.
W. H. James	Jos. J. Parks.
J. C. Kennedy	Stone
Alex[r] Mc Bean	P. B. Van Syckel.

The Election resulted in the choice of

Officers elected.

Mr. Ambrose C. Smith.	President.
" James M. Ludlow.	Vice Pres.
" C. Maurice Wines	Recording Sec.
" R. A. Davidson	Corresponding Sec
" Selden J. Coffin	Librarian
" George L. Smith	Treasurer.

National victory announced.

(During the progress of the election the proceedings were temporarily arrested by the announcement of exciting and highly agreeable news, relating to the recent success of the Federal arms, which intelligence was received with great applause.)

Moved that we subscribe for the

Newspapers ordered.

Semi Weekly Louisville Journal —— carried.
Semi Weekly Boston Journal —— " .
Daily Inquirer (Philad[a]) —— " .

Debt:— how to pay it.

It being represented that the Society was in debt to a certain amount, a resolution was offered that the Treasurer be instructed to solicit immediate payment of fees due the Society; and, that, of the moneys he may receive, he be ordered not to expend more than one-half for publications thus far ordered to be obtained. This resolution was laid on the table

Tribune not subscribed for.

At the previous meeting a motion to subscribe for the New York Daily Tribune having been lost, a re-consideration of this motion was proposed, but was also lost.

Missionary Reporters.

The President appointed as Reporters for Monthly Concert on Monday evening, October 6th.

Messrs Myers,
Merrill, and
Davidson. ——— and as

Literary performers on Friday, Sept. 26th,

Debaters.

Messrs R. M. Luther } Debaters { Aff. / Neg. } Question: Is the ministerial training to be received in a Pastor's family, to be preferred to that obtained at a Theological Seminary?
N. J. Conklin }

Essayist.

O. Hemstreet = Essayist.

Whereupon Society adjourned,

Ambrose Cephas Smith. Pres. pro tem.

Attest: Selden Jennings Coffin. Secy. pro tempore.

Oratory, Friday Oct. 17, 1856

The Society convened at the usual hour, President Smith in the Chair, Mr. S. J. Coffin acting as Secty. Meeting was opened by prayer by Mr. Cowan. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved, after correction. Mr. C. M. Vines offered his resignation as Secretary (Recording). On Motion adopted. The Society then went into an election for Secretary, which resulted in the choice of Mr. S. J. Coffin. Mr. Coffin being absent Mr. Vines was chosen Sec. Pro. Tem. Mr. Williams was appointed critic for the evening. Mr. Hemstreet then read an Essay on the character of Sydney Smith, criticised by Mr. Williams.

The discussion of the question "Is the ministerial training received in a Pastor's Family to be preferred to that obtained at a Theo. Seminary" was then entered into, Mr. R. M. Luther affirmative, Mr. N. J. Conklin negative.

The question was also entered in debate by Messrs Coffin (aff.) Pollock (aff.) McCoy (neg.) D. L. Smith (aff.) Messrs. Young, Ewing, A. M. Remington, Mann

Source, J. McCracken, Jeffreys, Scott, Beale, Hendy, Halston, Anderson & Johnson ( ) were elected members of the Society. Mr Dawson then moved that the Society subscribe for The Missouri Republican (daily). Mr Innis amended by substituting The Missouri Democrat. After debate, the motion as amended was carried. Mr Innes moved that the Society's subscription to the New York World, be stopped and that the Cor. Sec. be requested to inform the Editors & Publishers of the stoppage. Lost. An election for Moderator of the Moot Court was then held which resulted in the choice of Mr Myers. The President announced that the next court would be held four weeks from this evening. The exercises for the intervening evenings were then announced, as follows

Monthly Concert. { W. S. Brown, C. R. Howell, M. Jamess

Oct. 24th { Debate J. M. Kennedy, C. Morison; Essay Cochran

Oct. 31st { Debate Messrs Pollock & Ludlow; Essay Mr Knight.

Question for Oct 24. Has the Presbyterian form of Government a Divine Right? Question for Oct 31st Should provision be made in our Form of Govt for voluntary withdrawal of members

On November 7th Debate Messrs Frames & Butler. Question Can God be known? Essay Mr. Fairbanks.

Copied from C. M. Innes notes by R. M. Luther.

Oratory. Friday Oct 24th 1862.

A Stated Meeting of the Alexander Society was held on Oct 24th at 7 o'clk. President A. C. Smith in the Chair.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Mr. G. L. Smith. The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted. Mr Butler was appointed Critic for the evening. Mr Cochran then read an essay on Sacred Eloquence. (Criticisms after debate). The Subject for Debate, Has the Pres. Form of Govt a Divine Right was then taken up. Was opened by Mr

J. M. Kennedy, in the Negative. Criticism was then offered by Mr. Butler on the performances of the Evening. Mr. Jno. S. Brown then moved that Prof. Guyot be invited to address the Monthly Concert. Carried. Mr. Brown was appointed to invite Prof. Guyot.

Mr. G. A. Hutchison was then elected a member of the Society. The Recording Secretary, Mr. Corns offered his resignation which was accepted. The Society then went into an election to fill this office, when Mr Luther was declared elected.

Mr. C. M. Pines then moved that Mr. Kalopothakes be invited to address the Society at its Monthly Concert Adopted. On motion the Cor. Secretary was instructed to make inquiry of Dr. Baird in regard to inviting Mr. Kalopothakes. On motion of Mr C. L. Powell, amended by C. M. Pines The New York Tribune was substituted for the Philadelphia Inquirer, in the Reading Room of the Society. [On Motion the Society Adjourned.] Appointments were made by the President for the meeting of November 21st, as follows. Essay Mr. Pearce. Debate Mr Schofield & Johnson (of Ga.) Question left to their own choice. Mr. Morse fined for non-performance 25¢. Adjourned.

A. C. Smith Pres.

J. J. Corns

Sec.

Oratory – Oct 31st 1862.

A stated meeting of the Alexander Society was held Oct 31st in the Oratory President A. C. Smith in the chair. The meeting was opened by prayer by . Mr. Knight read an Essay on "How far can claim to European Consideration" criticised by Mr Myers. Both the debaters being absent, the Society proceeded to miscellaneous business.

Mr Myers moved that we invite Dr. Lowry to address the Society on the subject of Missions, and that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to write to forward to him the invitation. Carried. The Cor. Sec. reported that he wrote to Dr. Baird in regard to Mr. Kalopothakes, and had received word that that gentleman had not yet arrived in this country.

The Librarian stated that owing to the state of the finances he had only subscribed for two of the daily papers in the

Reading Room; that there was now an opportunity to make any changes that might be deemed desirable. Mr Innes then moved that the Philad.a Inquirer be subscribed for. Butler moved to lay motion to the table — Carried. A motion was made to adjourn which was voted down. Mr. Butler then moved that — A Committee be appointed to take into consideration the affairs of the Reading Room, to report what papers are now taken and what ones, in the judgment of the Committee it would be advisable to take. This Committee to report at the next meeting. Lost. — Mr. Scott then moved that the Philad.a Inquirer be taken in place of the N.Y. Times. Mr Innes moved to lay the motion on the Table until the next meeting. Lost. Mr Howell offered as an amendment that The Inquirer be substituted for the N.Y. World. After some discussion this was withdrawn. The original motion was then put and carried. Mr. Innes then moved that the Treasurer be requested at our next meeting to lay before the Society a statement of the financial condition, and at the same time the Librarian be instructed to present a report on the condition of the Reading Room and that the Secretary be instructed to place a notice on the Bulletin Board, stating that these reports would be presented at the meeting of Nov. 7th. — After discussion the motion was carried.

Mr Innes moved that the Treasurer be requested not to pay out any sums until further instructions. Lost. Moved & seconded that the librarian be instructed to procure such of the daily papers as are not regularly subscribed for, from Mr McGinnis, until our next meeting. Carried

On motion adjourned.

A. C. Smith Pres.
R Maurice Luther Sec.

Alexander Society.
April 17th 1862.

Society convened at the usual hour. Pres. McCoy in the chair. opened with prayer. There were no literary exercises.
Election of officers was then declared to be in order. which resulted in the choice of the following.

Pres. C. Maurice Wines.
Vice Pres. Geo. L. Smith.
Sec. M. C. Williams.
Cor. Sec. G. L. Shearer.
Treas. W. B. Phelps.
Lib. S. J. Coffin.

The following papers were ordered for the ensuing sesion 1863-64. New York Herald, New York Times, New York Tribune. Phila. Press & Inquirer.
Society adjourned

Alexander Soc:
Sept 11th '63.

Society met at the usual hour. The Pres. Mr C. Maurice Wines in the chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Simes. The resignation of the Secretary was presented & on its acceptance, the Society went into an election which resulted in the choice of J. Jewett Parks. Messrs. Shearer, Smith & Wines were appointed a committee to prepare a minute of last meeting, the original copy having been lost. Mr G. L. Smith proposed the following gentlemen for membership. viz. Messrs. C. W. Alexander, Foster, Worden,

B. G. Benedict	S. W. Pomroy.	W. S. Stein.
J. K. Quarrier	G. H. Smyth.	G. M. McCampbell
G. L. Raymond	H. M. Mory.	G. S. Bishop.
R. H. Vanpelt	J. G. H. Johnson	W. J. Morrison.
L. Eddy.	J. W. Johnson.	F. E. Shearer.
D. B. Perry	J. G. Archer.	M. A. DePre. Depue
J. Wright.	A. P. Foster	H. R. Hall.

B.G. Jones. VanDoren W.H. Littell.
D. Conn. Robt. VanBlerc

All of whom were unanimously elected. Mr Anderson informed Society, that there was a number of papers & periodicals at Messrs. McGinegs & Smith's awaiting the order of Society. Mr VanBuskirk, Librarian pro. tem. was instructed to take charge of them. On motion Society adjourned.

B. Maurice Wines Pres: J. Jewett Parks. Sec.

Alexander Society}
September 18th 1863}

Society commenced at the usual hour. The Secretary being absent the Cor. Secy. filled his place. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted.

Report of the Committee to prepare minutes of the last meeting of the Session of 1862-63 was heard & adopted {see minutes of April 17th 62} Report of the Committee on Changing Alexander Society into a Reading Room Society was read as follows,

"To the members
of the Alexander Society."

The Committee to whom was referred the question of changing the Alexander Society into a Reading Room Association respectfully report:

They have not deemed it advisable to recommend such a complete change as this: But inasmuch as from some cause the members of the Society have failed to take that interest in the exercises which is necessary to make them useful, they recommend the the following plan,

That the Society adjourn until the evening appointed by the Constitution for the next election of officers. That the care of the Reading Room, the admission of members, & the collection of dues, be entrusted to the Librarian & Treasurer. That the charge of the Monthly Concerts be committed to the Corresponding Secretary. in so far as securing of persons to address the Students

is concerned. And that the President be empowered to call meetings at any time when it may be thought advisable.

These recommendations are not perhaps exactly in accordance with the letter of the constitution. But the Committee would remind the Society that in these times we have high authority for suspending the Constitution under the pressure of circumstances. All of which is respectfully submitted."

Com. { C. Maurice Wines
S. F. Coffin
G. L. Smith.

On motion the report was laid on the table. The Treasurer was authorized to pay the expenses of Mr. Gulick; who addressed the Monthly Concert. Motion to subscribe for the Tri-Weekly St Louis Democrat & Tri Weekly Louisville Journal adopted. Motion to suspend the further subscription for papers till the next regular meeting was adopted. The Treasurer was authorized to accept the "Congregationalist" for this term instead of the Reading Room fee of Mr. B. A. Dean. The following students were elected members of the Society. Messrs. J. C. Kelly J. Orr. S. A. Califf. S. M. Irwin Jno. Pitkin, D. Foster, J. G. Merill. J. F. Martin. H. E. Butler. Johns.
Society adjourned
C. Maurice Wines. Pres. G. L. Shearer, Act'g Sec:

Alexander Society,
September, 25th '63.

Society convened at the usual hour & was opened with prayer. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. The following gentlemen were proposed for membership, Mesrs:

Jno. Rule	J. C. Cleaveland.
Jno. Cameron.	F. W. Kingsbury.
Daniel Cameron.	Grother.
Robt. Wescott.	S. B. Pittingill
E. N. Pires	Anderson
H. W. McKee	W. H. Sautelle

All of whom were unanimously elected.

The next item of business befor the Society was the adoption of papers for the Reading Room. The Daily Springfield Republicant. The Cincinatti Commercial. Presbyterian Witness. Danville Review & Prophetic Times were proposed & adopted A reconsideration of the motion to subscribe for the Tri Weekly St. Louis Democrat was moved & carried. The Daily Republican was substituted Society ordered "The Star", published at Athens, Greece, to be sold with the other papers.

A committee was appointed to investigate a claim held against the Society by Mr. McCoy. Amount of said claim $4.00.

Committee consisted of Messrs: Thompson, Branch, & Orris.

Order of exercises for subsequent meetings.

Oct. 2d	Essay	Mr. Dawson.
" "	Debate	Messrs: A.C. Smith & Rule.
Oct. 9th	Moot Court	
" "	Debate	Messrs. Corran & Myers.
Oct. 16th	Essay	Mr. Merrill.
	Debate	Messrs: Branch & Orris.

Mr. Hendy was unanimously chosen Moderator of Moot Court.

On Motion Society adjourned.

C. Maurice Mines. Pres. J. Jewett Parks. Sec:

Alexander Society.
October. 2d 1863.

Society convened at the usual hour & was opened with prayer by Mr. Morry. The Vice Pres: Mr. G. L. Smith presiding in the absence of the President.

Minutes of last meeting read & approved. The following gentlemen were proposed

Messrs. Kingdon	Stead
Torrence	B. F. H. Witherow.
S.H. Haught	

The Committee appointed to investigate the claim

of Mr. McCoy reported that they found it good - Report of committee accepted & the committee discharged

A motion was made to pay Mr. McCoy the $4.00 with 6 per. ct. interest which was carried -

On motion the New York World was excluded from the Reading Room. which after a warm discussion was carried

The Librarian Mr. Coffin made his report & offered his resignation as Librarian. Mesrs: Williams & Mitchell were appointed to audit his account.

Mr Vanbyckel was elected Librarian - On motion the New York Independent was subscribed for, for the current Seminary Year.

There were no Library exercises on account of the absence of a majority of the performers.

On motion Society adjourned

C. Maurice Mines. Pres. J. Jewett Parks. Sec.

Alexander Society,
October 9th 1863.

According to appointment this would have been the evening for holding Moot Court, but on account of an irregularity in appointing the performers, constitution requiring four weeks notice to be given, there were no exercises

Society proceeded to take up their usual business. Mesrs: Somes, Sanford & A. Hoffs were elected members of the Society.

On motion it was resolved that the Report of the Committee on the question of changing the Alexander Society into a Reading Room Association be taken up next meeting.

On motion Society adjourned.

C. Maurice Mines. Pres. J. Jewett Parks. Sec.

Alexander Society.
October. 16th 1863.

Society was called to order at the usual hour by the president & was opened with prayer. Minutes of last meeting read & approved

Society then intered on the Literary exercises of the evening. The essayist Mr. Merrill was absent. The question for debate, "Is virtue essential to true eloquence" was then read. Mr. Orris supported the affirmative & Mr. Branch the Negative. After they had discussed the question, it was thrown open to the house. The critic Mr. Myers made some remarks on the debate.

Mr. Van Allen was proposed & elected a member of the Society.

On motion it was resolved that the Secretary notify the new members of their election.

The Committee appointed to propose a plan for changing the Society into a Reading Room Association read a new report as follows;

To the members of the
Alexander Society: } Gentlemen;

The committee appointed last sesion to consider the advisability of changing the Society from a Literary Institute to a mere Reading Room Association have already at a previous meeting offered a report upon the subject. No action having yet been taken upon that paper & your Committee not having been yet discharged we have ventured to reconsider the matter that we then offered & to prepare & present the accompanying Report upon the same subject.

From indications in the attendance & interest of the Society, we have inferred that Literary exercises might be sustained with great profit under a new & improved regime. Your committee would beg leave to plead not guilty to any charge of an assault upon the Society with malice aforethought, with an intent to kill. The Report previously presented opposed as impolitic any explicit change in the character of the Society, but recommended an adjournment for this sesion owing to a present lack of interest on the part of the members & we mistook the signs of the times; we are

glad to discover & to correct our error. Our desire & hope in the preparation of that paper was that this adjournment for a time might be, as it were, the burial of the seed, that from the dead grain might spring at another time a full harvest; that it might be as the winter sleep of nature from which comes the bursting bloom of Spring.

In looking over the minutes of the Society we have found a record of the appointment of a Committee "to consider whether some plan can be devised to render the meetings of the Society more interesting". This was done two years ago. The appointment of such a Committee at that time & that of the present committee seem to indicate to us that the trouble is chronic. In order that we may devise some means of curing the evil we must first discover the cause. Why is it that a Seminary, embracing among its Students young men who have graduated with honor at the various Colleges, young men of marked talent, whose whole professed aim in coming hither is to seek conscientiously their improvement & preparation for the ministry. Why is it that Princeton Seminary cannot maintain a Literary Society in an interesting & living manner?

The first reason, as it appears to us, is the fact that we do not look upon the maintenance of this Society in the light of a duty. Now if we profess to have an "Alexander Society" at all it is certainly incumbent upon us to do with our might this which our hand has found to do. If such an institution as this Society is of any value, it is of great value, & will worth all & more than all the labor that has ever been bestowed on it. The one thing, perhaps, lacking in the course in Princeton is more training in extemporaneous speaking. Such training cannot be given in the class room to any extent, & must therefore be sought in these Friday night meetings. Now we have not accustomed ourselves to look at the Society in this light. We have regarded it rather as a place in which we could find amusement for an hour or two on one evening of the week. When this has not been afforded to us we have slackened in interest & our attendance ceased. We have put everything before the "Alexander Society" & have forgotten that it was a duty we owe to ourselves & the Church to use every means we can to fit ourselves to become workmen needing not

to be ashamed.

The second reason, perhaps the main one after all, as it seems to us, is that the Society, as at present conducted, has too much of the air & habit of a College debating club, where the object is not to find the truth, but often to display shrewdness in maintaining known error. All the exercises remind one of College days. The selection of a question & its statement in a categorical form, the appointment of two debaters, one to maintain the affirmative, the other the negative, no matter what may be their personal convictions savor much of the days when we as children, thought as children, spoke as children & acted as children. But the members of this Seminary are not boys, but men & need strong meat for their intellectual gratification & culture. The question may then be asked. Can there be a Society in which the attainment of the object desired viz. the acquirement of fluency in extempore speech, can be joined to the search for & discovery of truth? We think there can. We know there have been & are such Societies now in existence. It was the privilege of a member of the Committee to be present at one meeting of the O.S. Pres. Ministrial Association of New York City during this vacation. In each of these meetings some subject in theology, Ethics, Ch. Government or a kindred branch, selected at a previous meeting is discussed by the members, each one taking his turn in speaking. There is no absolute staking of a question, on one side or the other of which each member must array himself, but a subject, such as the extent of the atonement. Our relation to Adam, the Method of Justification, the efficacy of the sacraments, the propriety of the Sunday laws, the reason & remedy for vacant Churches &c is chosen & each person is expected to express his own convictions upon it. This gives life, soul to the discussion & insures a great variety in the opinions declared. Scarcely any two persons think exactly alike upon any one question. Could not some such plan be adopted by this Soc? & would not its adoption be to promote the interest & profit of our meetings? We are inclined to answer affirmatively. If the Constitution were so amended as that the exercises of the Society should be so conducted, we think that the drag which has hitherto hindered our efficient action would be removed. If one member were appointed to open the

talk, who might either prepare a written article upon it, or if he preferred, speak without notes, taking any view he saw proper & after which the discussion would be open to all the members, we think an interest would at once mark our meetings which has been lacking for years.
The appointment of a Com: to draft such a Constitution would by no means pledge the Society to the proposed change nor would the reporting of such an instrument certainly ensure its adoption.

Your Committee therefor recommend, in order that the attempt may be made to see whether such a constitution would not answer our need, the adoption of the following resolution.

"Resolved. That a Committee of five members be appointed to draft a Constitution for the Society modled upon those of the Ministerial Apociations of New York City & report the same to the Society for their adoption or rejection at the earliest pobible regular meeting).

All which is respectfully submitted.

Com: { C. Maurice Wines.
Selden J. Coffin.
Geo: B. Smith.

The above resolution was adopted.
The report offered some weks previous was on motion laid on the table.
On motion it was resolved that the above Committee consist of three members with Mr. Wines as Chairman. Additional members are Mesrs. Branch & Grother.

On motion it was resolved that none of the religious papers be sold for less than 25 cts. per. file.

On motion it was resolved that the Librarian be empowered to obtain suitable fixtures to secure the periodicals from being removed.

Mr. Hendy offered the following amendment to the Constitution - viz. The Secretary shall call the roll of the Society at the opening of each meeting & each member noted as absent shall be fined 10 cts. unless excused by the President.
Appointments for Nov: 13th Essayist Mr. John Wright Jr.
Debaters. Mesrs: Sayre & Kingdon. Ques: Ought politics be admitted into the pulpit? Society adjourned.

C. Maurice Wines, Pres: J. Truett Parks Sec:

Alexander Society.
October. 23d 1863.

Society was called to order by the President at at the usual hour & was opened with prayer. Minutes of last meeting read & approved.

Literary exercises bening then declared in order. the essayist Mr: Martin was called on but failed to perform. Satisfactory explanation being made for the failure he was on motion excused by Society. The question for debate. Is the Christian Sabbath an institution of perpetual obligation? was then read. Mr. Davison of the affirmative was unavoidably absent & excused by the Society. Mr. Shearer was invited to open the debate. Mr: Hendy followed him defending the negative. The question was then submitted to the house. Mr Coffin spoke upon it. The critic Mr: Branch made some remarks both on the manner & matter of the debate.

Society took up the amendment offered by Mr Hendy at last meeting {see min: oct. 16th} which after a fiercly discupion was lost.

Appointments for Nov: 20th as follows.

Essayist. . . . Mr: Raymond.
Debaters. . . Messrs: Dechert & Steen.
Question Is dancing inconsistent with a profesion of religion?

On motion Society adjourned.

C. Maurice Mines. Pres: A. Fewell Parks. Sec'y.

Alexander Soc:
October. 30th '63

Society convened at the usual hour. The President in the Chair. Prayer was offered by Mr: Thompson. Minutes of last meeting read & approved.

Literary exercises were then in in order. Mr: Thompson read an eloquent essay on the subject of eloquence. Question chosen for debate was "Are infants proper subjects of baptism? the affirmative side Mr. Vanclevo was absent & no one being willing to open the discupion, it was dropped.

On motion a committee was appointed to request Mr: Thompson's Essay for publication Committee consisted of Messrs: Branch, Martin & Crothier.

On motion it was ordered that the St Missouri Republican be sold on Saturday the 7th prox.

Moved that the Society go into an election for a Moderator of next Moot Court. Mr. Hendy was unanimously elected.

The Committee appointed to draft a new Constitution reported the same & it was resolved to take up the discussion of its provisions on next night of meeting, immediately after the exercises of Moot Court.

Appointments for Nov: 21st as follows.

Essayist. " " " Mr. J. M. Cochran

Debaters. " " Messrs. Littell & Pires

Question. Is the use of a Liturgy in public worship promotive of a Spirit of devotion?

Society adjourned.

C. Maurice Pires, Pres: J. Jewett Parks. Sec'y.

Alexander Society,
November 6th 1863.

Moot Court was called to order at the usual hour by the Moderator, Mr. Hendy. The question before the house for discussion was, "Should all baptized members of the Church be subject to Church Government & discipline, as maintained by the book". The affirmative was advocated by Mr. Myers - the negative by Mr. Corran. The question was thoroughly discussed & the discussion listened to with much interest.

After the debate was closed the house went into a ballot for a Moderator for next Court, which resulted in the choice of Mr. Branch.

The Moderator announced the names of Messrs. Morey & A. H. Brown, as debaters for next Court.

The regular exercises of the Society were then entered upon. Agreeably to a previous order the subject of

New Constitution was taken up

Resolved that those points be taken up in which there is a radical difference from the Old Constitution

Resolved that these articles be taken up seriatim. The article providing two classes of members was then brought before the house & after much dicussion was rejected.

The next article was in regard to the appointment of a single member to lead in debate. this was put to vote & carried.

The committee reported they had obtained Mr. S.H. Thompsons essay & secured a place for its publication in the Presbyterian.

Exercises for Nov. 13th as follows,

Essay. Mr. Jno. Wright.

Debate. Messrs. Sayre & Kingdon.

Question - Ought politics be admitted to the pulpit.

On motion Society adjourned.

C. Maurice Wines Pres. J. Fewett Parks. Sec.

Alexander Society.
November. 13th 1863.

Society met at the usual hour & was opened with prayer by Mr. T. Shearer. President in chair.

Minutes of last meeting read & approved.

Mr. Selden Jennings Coffin was appointed critic.

Mr John Wright read the essay before Society.

Mr. Sayre of the affirmative of the debate was fined .25 cts. for non-performance. Mr Kingdon spoke on the negative. The debate was joined in by Mr. Selden J. Coffin & others. The committee on the essay of Mr. S. H. Thompson reported & committee discharged. On motion Society adjourned.

C. Maurice Wines. Pres. J. Fewett Parks, Sec

Alexander Society.
November 20th. 1863.

Society met and opened with prayer. Messrs. Raymond, Dechert and Steen, were each fined Twenty five cents for non performance.

A motion that the resignation of membership of Mr. S.H. Thompson be accepted, was lost. A resolution that an apology be written to Mr. Thompson, showing that Society did not intend to injure his feelings, or insult him, was, on motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Wines tendered his resignation as President of the Society — not having time to attend its meetings. Resignation was accepted; and Mr. Wines was elected President pro tempore.

Moved and carried that the election of President be postponed to next evening.

A resolution that the Library of the Society be contributed to the General library of the Seminary, was, on motion, referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. P.B. Van Syckel, Selden Jennings Coffin, and Henry E. Butler.

Mr. Joseph Jewett Parks having offered his resignation as Secretary, a motion that it be accepted, was lost; then reconsidered, and finally carried.

Moved that placards be printed, and posted in the Reading Room, stating who are entitled to its privileges; and also, placards containing the word "Silence". Carried.

Moved that the Librarian be instructed not to send for the "Louisville Journal": under the operation of the previous question, carried.

Selden Jennings Coffin was elected Secretary of the Soc'y.

Exercises of ~~N~~ December 18th were appointed as follows:

Essay: Mr. Eberle W. Thomson.

Debate: Messrs P.H. Pitkin and D.B. Perry.

Question: Is the existence of Christian sects in the Church promotive of more good than evil?

On motion Society adjourned.

Selden Jennings Coffin.
Secretary.

C. Maurice Wines. President.

Alexander Society.

November 27. 1863. 7 P.M.

Mr. Henry E. Butler was called to the chair; after which Mr. F.E. Shearer opened the Society with Prayer, and the Journal was read and approved.

Mr. I.W. Cochran, Essayist, was absent.

The following Question was then debated, "Is the use of a Liturgy in Public worship promotive of a Spirit of Devotion?" Messrs. Emanuel N. Pries, G.R. Howell, E.W. Thomson, and Robert Scott, participants.

Mr. G.R. Howell offered criticisms.

Mr. David J. Beale was elected a Member of the Society.

Messrs. John F. Hendy and Selden J. Coffin were put in nomination as candidates for the Office of President. Mr. J.F. Hendy was elected.

The Committee on the Library appointed at the last meeting reported (through the middle member of it;) and the subject was recommitted to them with orders to report next week.

Society adjourned,

Selden Jennings Coffin. Secy.

John Fenton Hendy: President.

Exercises for December 4th

Moot Court: Morey + Brown (A.H.) Moderator: H. Branch.

Exercises for December 11th

Essay: Mr. A.A. Joss.

Debate: Messrs. J.K. Demarest and Frederic E. Shearer.

Question: Should the Observance of the Sabbath be enforced by Law?

Exercises for (December 25th altered by order of Socy. {Dec 4th} to) January 8. 1864.

Essay: Mr. Salathiel M. Irwin.

Debate: Messrs. Selden J. Coffin + C.W. Alexander.

Question: — Should the Constitution of the United States be so amended as to insert a more full recognition of the Supreme Being?

Exercises for January 15th 1863.

Moot Court: Moderator. Henry Branch.

Debaters: H.W. McKee + H.E. Butler.

Question:

Alexander Society.
December 4. 1863.

The Society assembled for Moot Court: Opened with Prayer by Cameron. J.

Disputants appointed being absent, the Court adjourned.

Henry Branch: Moderator.

Selden J. Coffin: Scribe.

Alexander Society.
December 4. 1863.

Society assembled on the adjournment of Moot Court. Journal was read and adopted.

On motion Mr. A. N. Keigwin was elected a member.

Committee on the Library made a minority report (through S. J. Coffin) recommending that no further proceedings be taken in the matter of the disposal of the Library.

A majority report was then made, recommending that the Library of the Society be donated to the Seminary. This latter report was accepted, the recommendation agreed to, and the Committee discharged.

Moved and carried that "Jan. 8. 1864" be inserted in the place of "December 25th 1863" where the latter occurs in the appointments for literary exercises.

Treasurer reported progress.

Mr. H. Branch was elected Moderator of the next Moot Court: and Messrs. McKee and H. E. Butler were appointed Debaters. The Moot Court was appointed for January 15. 1864: the Question being the same as for the last occasion.

Secretary was ordered to put upon the Bulletin a request to the non-payers to pay their fees forthwith.

Secretary was ordered to give the Treasurer a list of fines imposed during the present term.

Moved that the Librarian be instructed to keep on file but one copy, each, of the Quarterly Publications. Lost.

On motion, Society then

adjourned.

John F. Hendy.
President.

Selden J. Coffin.
Secretary.

Alexander Society.
December 11th 1863.

Society assembled at the usual hour. The Journal was read and accepted, whereupon the Society, on motion, adjourned.

Selden Jennings Coffin.
Secretary.

John F. Hendy. President.

Alexander Society.
December 18. 1863.

Society met. Mr. S.M. Irwin was called to preside in the absence of the President.

Journal was read and approved. Mr. E.W. Thomson, Essayist, was absent. Mr. C.W. Alexander was appointed critic.

Messrs. P.H. Pitkin, S.J. Coffin, Wilson, W.J.P. Morrison, and J.H. Myers then debated the Question, "Is the existence of Christian Sects in the Church promotive of more good than evil.

It was moved and carried that the Society pay the Postage of the "Easton Daily Express" deposited in the Reading Room by S.J. Coffin.

Mr. W.J.P. Morrison was requested to make arrangements for maintaining a fire in the Reading Room during the Interim at the Holiday season.

On motion the Society
adjourned,
Selden J. Coffin.
Secretary.

Salathiel M. Irwin.
President pro tempore.

Exercises for January 22. 1864.

Essay: W.J.P. Morrison.

Debaters: Messrs. Wilson ~~& Bernard~~. ~~Crowther~~ Remington

Question: Is selling Intoxicating Liquors as a beverage a sufficient ground for Church discipline.

Exercises for January 29th 1864.

Essay: C.M. Wines.

Debaters: Messrs. G.L. Shearer and J.H. Myers.

Question: Was the Puritan Mode of Observing the Sabbath too strict in its requirements?

Alexander Society.

Friday evening, January 8. 1864

Mr. W.J.P. Morrison (in the absence of the Pres. & Vice Pres.) was called to the chair, when C.W. Alexander offered prayer. Journal was read and approved.

Mr. S.M. Irwin read an interesting essay.

Messrs. C.W. Alexander and S.J. Coffin debated the Question "Should the Constitution of the United States be so amended as to insert a more full recognition of the Supreme Being?" After which the Critic (H. Branch) offered his criticisms.

The Semi Annual Election of Officers resulted in the choice of

President.	Mr. John F. Hendy.
Vice President.	Wm J. P. Morrison.
Recording Secretary.	Selden J. Coffin.
Corresponding Secretary.	George Lewis Shearer.
Treasurer.	Willis B. Phelps.
Librarian: (Constitutionally holds over without reelection)	Phineas B. Van Syckel.

Messrs. W.J.P. Morrison, C.W. Alexander, and G.L. Shearer were appointed a Committee to ask Dr. Green to take charge of the collection of correspondence and MSS. belonging to the Society.

Moved & carried that the Reporters for the last Monthly Concert be requested to report on the first Monday evening in February.

Moved & carried that the Cor. Secy. be requested to obtain some student as Essayist for the next Monthly Concert.

Society then

Adjourned.

Selden J. Coffin.
Secretary.

Wm J. P. Morrison. Pres. pro tempore.

Alexander Society. Jan. 15. 1864.

Moot Court: Presbytery was opened with prayer by Mr. J.H. Myers, Mr. H. Branch being in the chair as Moderator. Debaters H.W. McKee and H.E. Butler being absent, Messrs J.H. Myers and J. Cameron opened the discussion, after which it was continued by S.J. Coffin, S.M. Irwin, H. Branch, J.C. (Elliott)

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Oratory – Sept 5th 1864.

Monday Evening –

The meeting was organized by choice of J. G. Archer Pres. Pro. Tem & S. B. Pettengill Secretary –

Voted to elect new members. The following gentlemen were chosen – Blanvelt. Bartis. Butler. Conway. Camp. Trask. Appleby. Vail. McIlvaine –

Permanent Officers were chosen. –

G. L. Smith President

Wm J. L. Morrison Vice President

S. B. Pettengill Secretary

James M. Alexander Cor. Secretary –

Paul A. Pilkin Treasurer

J. W. Kingsbury Librarian –

The Treasurer was voted to subscribe for the following daily papers. New York Times. New York Tribune. Philadelphia Inquirer. Springfield Republican. New York World New York Herald. Philadelphia Press. Cincinnatti Commercial – and religious papers Independent. New York Evangelist New York Observer. Presbyterian. Boston Recorder. Congregationalist. Sunday School Times – Presbyter. Christian Intelligencer and the Bibliotheca Sacra Presbyterian Banner. North American Review. ~~North~~ American Presbyterian Review. Atlantic Monthly. Princeton Repertory. & the five English Reviews –

Voted to amend the 4th art of By Laws & make the sessional fee $1.50 instead of one dollar –

Voted to pronounce the Daily Papers first – then the principal Religious Papers above named –

Adjourned to Friday evening Sept 9th.

Sam B. Pettengill

Secy

Friday Evening Sept 9th 1864.

The Society met according to adjournment - Mr Fisher offered prayer -

The minutes of previous meeting were read & accepted -

The following named gentlemen were chosen members of the Society. viz.

A. C. Farris	J. S. Todd.	J. L. Gage.
M. Hughes	A. Rose.	J. Doyle
A. L. Thompson	C. Knepper	J. Gamble
W. A. Lyle	J. B. Cunningham	A. A. Somes
John Potter	J. J. Dennis	C. W. Judge
C. R. Jackson	J. E. Wright	R. A. Campbell
W. A. Campbell.	T. S. Long	J. L. Stokes.

It was voted to subscribe for the Lutheran Missionary - & Missouri Union Republican -

A committee of three to report on the condition of the Society - was appointed. Messrs. Bickert. & R Foster & Mc Elvaine were chosen on this committee -

It was voted that the literary exercises for the next meeting should consist of of a debate. Messrs J. E. Fisher. J. W Kingsbury were appointed disputants -

The Society voted to adjourn one week -

S. L. Smith
President -

Sam R. Pettengill
Secretary -

Friday Evening Sept. 16th 1864.

The Society met according to adjournment. The minute of the last meeting were read & accepted -

Wm Moore. F. C. Patten R. C. Moore & Mr Carter were made members of the Society -

It was voted to subscribe for the Free Presbyterian & Burpus monthly magazine -

The debate was sustained by Messrs Fisher Kingsbury. Benedict. Branch. Somes & Farris -

Mr Moore acted as critic –
The following question was proposed, & the following appointments made for the next meeting –
"Was the question in regard to Dr. Le Baron right– decided by the last General Assembly"–
Affirmative Wm Moore Negative Branch –

The Society then adjourned one week
G L Smith Sam B. Pettengill
President– Secretary –

Alexander Society
Sep 23rd 1864

Society met pursuant to adjournment, & was opened with prayer by Bro. McCampbell.
In the absence of the Sec. J.R. Fisher was on motion of E.W. Thompson elected pro tem.
Messrs Reed & Horseman were proposed & elected to membership in the society.
Moved, to subscribe for the Indianapolis Journal.
Carried.
Moved, to instruct the proper officers to subscribe as far as possible for Papers as far as issued directly at the office of Publication.
Amended, to instruct the words "expedient" in the place of "possible" last. Original motion lost also.
Moved to instruct the proper officer not to subscribe for Harpers Monthly. Carried.
Moved to sell at auction tomorrow at 2 o'clock the back numbers from the files of papers with the request that (6) six No's back be always left on file. Carried.
Moved, that with regard to The Weekly only (3) three be required to be left. Carried.
The question proposed at the last meeting was opened by Mr Moore on the affirmative followed by Mr Branch in the Neg. After an able discussion by these two Gentlemen and general participation by the house occurring, the Chair declared the question closed.
A question was proposed but was rejected by the house, whereupon Messrs Jennings & Thompson were

appointed regular disputants with power to select their own question. adjourned by common consent without a motion to that effect.

G L Smith
Pres.

J. R. Fisher
Sec. Pro. Tem.

Alexander Society
Sep. 30th 1864.

The society met as usual & after being opened with prayer by the Pres. disposed the following business. To wit:- The Librarian was instructed to sell at private sale the - - -

Fisher —— For the next meeting the following question was proposed – "Ought men who expect & teach & not & act as pastors & be learned & preach the Gospel" – Speakers Messrs Dechert & Orris —

Voted & subscribe for the Covenanter – Adjourned one week.

F. E. Shearer, Sec pro tem
(Sam B. Pettengill Sec)

Alexander Society –
Oct. 14. 1864 –

Meeting was opened by prayer by the Secy. The question was discussed by Messrs Orris & Dechert –

For next meeting the following question was proposed Are Evangelical Christians responsible for more good than evil – Messrs Dull & Shearer appointed Speakers – Adjourned one week –

F. E. Shearer Sec. Pro. Tem.
(Sam B. Pettengill Sec –)

Alexander Society,
Sept. 1. 1865.

No regular Officers of the Society having been elected at the close of the preceding Session, Mr. Perkin nominated Mr. Shearer as Chairman, who immediately took his seat and having called the meeting to order invited Rev. Steen to open the exercises with prayer. Mr. A. L. Wilson was appointed Secretary pro tem. Organization being the first requisite, the following Officers were elected by acclamation,

President F. E. Shearer. Vice President Wm S. Steen. Recording Sec. J. L. R. Wasle. Corresponding Sec. G. Longmuir. Treas. C. H. Camp. Librarian M. Hughes. Voted that the reading of the Minutes of last meeting, be postponed. Voted, that the first four of the By-Laws be suspended. Voted, that all members of the Seminary be admitted to membership in the Society by the payment of the Reading Room dues amounting to $1.50.

Voted, That the Soc. subscribe for the following papers & magazines to be placed upon file in the Reading Room.

Cincinnati Gazette, New York Tribune, World, Times, Herald

Philadelphia Press, The Evangelist, Observer, Presbyterian, Boston Recorder, Presbyter, Churchman Intelligencer, Presbyterian Banner, Presbyterian Witness, The Independent, Congregationalist, United Presbyterian, Central Presbyterian, Episcopal Recorder, German Reformed Messenger, Lutheran Observer, Presbyterian Standard, Greek Paper, Western Presbyterian, Springfield Republican, Bibliotheca Sacra, New Englander, American Presbyterian & Theological Review, Atlantic Monthly, North American Review, Princeton Review, The Eclectic, North British Review, Westminster, Edinburgh, Blackwood, Hours at Homes, Newark Daily Advertiser, Semi-Weekly Post, The Nation. Voted, That these papers & Magazines be subscribed for by the Librarian in the order in which they have been proposed & accepted. The Society then adjourned

J. S. R. Frost Secretary. F. E. Shearer President.

Sept. 14th 1869

Alexander Society. Annual Meeting

Society was called to order at 7 o'clock P.M. Prayer - Mr Platter was chosen Chairman and Mr Burr Secretary of the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Election of officers.

The following were chosen

President -	Mr Hubbard -
Vice Pres. -	Mr. Smart -
Cor. Sec. -	Mr. Richmond -
Rec. Sec. -	Mr Burr -
Treas. -	Mr. Laidlaw -
Librarian. -	Mr Brown -

Moved and sec. that we proceed to vote on Political Papers. &c.

The following were chosen.

N.Y. Daily World. Times, Tribune & Herald. Phil. Press. Toronto Globe - Princeton Standard - Nation - Independent - Semi. Weekly Cin. Gazette Semi-Weekly. Springfield Rep. Chicago Weekly Trib

Mot & sec that we vote on Religious Papers. &c

N.Y. Observer - N.Y. Evangelist - Methodist - Cong. & Recorder - S.S. Times - Witness - Christian at Work - United Presb - Advance - Prot. Churchman Occident - Lutheran Observer -

Mot & sec that we vote on Magazines. &c.

Five English Reviews. Hours at Home - Eclectic - Atlantic - Catholic World - Four Am. Reviews - Sunday Magazine - Littell's Living Age - Miss. Rec. of Lower Provinces -

Mot & sec that the smaller periodicals be left to the discretion of officers of society - &c.

Mot & sec. that we vote on Illustrated Papers

Harpers Weekly -

Mot & sec. that the tax of $1.50 be collected from those who patronize Reading Room &c.

Mot & sec. that R. Room be lighted till 9 P.M. &c

On motion meeting adjourned.

Chas H. Burr Jr.
Rec. Secretary

J. E. Platter.
Chairman -

Alexander Society Annual Meeting
5 Oct 9th 1870

Society called to order at 7 P.M., Mr Smart in the chair. Prayer was made by Mr. Fuller. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treasurers report read and approved. Election of Officers followed: the following were chosen:—

President — Mr Fuller.
Vice Pres. — Mr. Lamb.
Cor. Sec. — Mr. Parry.
Rec. Sec — Mr. Durant.
Treasurer — Mr. McClean.
Librarian — Mr. Potter.

Moved & sec: that a tax of $1.50 be levied on all who use the reading room. — Carried.
Moved and Carried: To appoint a Com. of one from each class to aid the Treasurer in collecting this tax.
Appointed by the Chair, as follows:—

Sen. Class Mr. Richmond.
Mid. " Mr. Moffat.
Jun. " Mr. McIlvaine.

Moved: to take the same daily papers as last year — Amended to add the Richmond Whig. Carried as amended. (The list stands:—

N.Y. Herald — N.Y. Tribune — N.Y. World — " " Times — Phila. Press — Toronto Globe — Rich. Whig.)

Moved: To take the same Semi-weekly papers — carried —(Springfield Republican — N.Y. Evening Post-(free) — Semi weekly Gazette, Cincinnati —.)
Moved & sec: To add The St Louis Democrat — carried.
" & sec: To take Edinburgh Review, weekly — carried.
" " ; " " Chicago Eve. Journal — "
" " " : " vote on Magazines — carried.
" " " ; " take the same Magazines as last year — Amended: to strike out the Phrenological review & Putnam's — c'd. as amended.
(The list stands:—

Sunday Mag. — Scribner's Monthly — Atlantic — Eclectic — Littel's Liv. Age. — Harper's M.o. — Galaxy — Our Monthly (free) — Catholic

World — ~~British & For. Evangelical Rev.~~ — ~~Good Words~~ —
— New Englander — U.P. Review — Princeton Rev
— Am. Presby. Theol. Rev. — Bibliotheca Sacra —
— Blackwoods Mag. — Edinburgh Rev. North British Rev.
— Westminster Rev. — London Quarterly,)
Moved & sec: To add to the list British & For. Evang. Rev,
and — Good Words — carried.
Moved & sec that we select the Religious papers — c'd
" " " : To adopt the list of last year — c'd.
[List stands: — Presbyterian (free) —.
Pres. Banner (free) — Lutheran Observer —
Obs. & For. Christian Commonwealth (free) — Ref. Ch. Messenger (free)
Christian Instructor (free) — Christian Mirror (free)
Sunday School Times — Independent — N.Y. Observer —
Evangelist — Methodist — Cong. & Boston Recorder —
Advance — Witness (free) — Advocate & Guardian (free)
Am. Missionary (free) — Home Missionary (free) — Am. Ch. Miss. (")
For. " (") — Spirit of Missions (") — African Repository (")
Miss. Magazine (") — Advocate of Peace (") — Sailors Mag. (free)
Christian at Work (") — Miss. Herald (free) — Christ World (")
Home & For. Rec' (free) — Miss Record of
Examiner & Chron. — Christ Union — Occident (free)
Prot. Churchman — S.S. World (free) — O.S. Presbyterian (free)
Moved & sec: To add The Interior — carried.
" " " : " " Herald & Presbyter if it can be secured
free — carried.
Moved & sec: To take Appleton's Journal — carried.
" " " : " " College Courant — "
" " " : " " Nature — carried —
" " " : " " Harpers Weekly — "
" " " : " make the Officers of Society an Executive
Com. with full powers to act in any additional
Society business. — carried.
On motion ~~Society~~ meeting adjourned

William Durant
Rec. Sec.

Alexander Society. Annual meeting
Sept. 11th 1871.

Society called to order at 5½ P.M. Vice Pres. in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mr. William Gemmill.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treasures report read and accepted.

Election of offices for the coming year then entered into. Mr. Ellis N. Lamb was elected Pres. Mr. Thos. B. McLeod Vice Pres. Mr. Geo. E. Jones Sec. Mr L. G. McNeill, Treasurer. Mr. John Dixon Librarian.

It was moved and carried that the Librarian be paid $25.00 as his salary per year.

The following periodicals were then selected by vote of Society.

Dailies

New York World.
" " Tribune,
" " Times.
Phila, Press
Toronto Globe.

Semi Weekly,

New York, Evangelist.

Weeklies

Presbyterian, Harpers Weekly, Presbyterian, Pres. Banner, Lutheran observer, — Ref. Ch. Messenger, Christian Constructor, Mirror, Independent, — Appleton's Journal, — My observer, Evangelist, Methodist, — Congregationalist, — Interior, — O. S. Presbyterian, S. S. Times, Earnest Worker, — Christian Union, Herald and Presbyter, — Occident, Examiner & Chronicle, S. S. World, —

Magazine.

Sunday Mag. — Scribners Magazine, —, Atlantic. — Littells Living Age, — Harpers Magazine, — Catholic World. —

Missionary Periodicals.

American Missionary, — Sailors Magazine — Christian World, — Baptist Miss. Magazine, — Home Missionary, — Foreign do. — Missionary Herald, — Advocate of Peace, — Evangelical Repository, Home & Foreign Record, — Spirit of Missions, — African Repository, — Witness. The Officers of the Society were authorized a Committee to add such papers to the list as the Board of the Society instructed.

The following were added subsequently

The Nation, College Courant, — Scottish American Journal — Illustrated London News, — Daily Witness — Fraser's Magazine, — Contemporary Review, — Chinese Recorder, — and Nature. ——.

It was moved that a tax of One Dollar & Fifty Cents be levied on each person who should use the Reading Room of the Society. A Committee of three appointed by the Chair to aid the treasure in Collecting dues. Mr. Holland was appointed from the Junior class, Mr. Waller from the Middle, & Mr. Durant from the Senior. Adjourned.

Ellis N. Lamb. Pres.

Geo. E. Jones Sec.

Alexander Society - Sept. 12th. 1872.

Society met in the Oratory at 5½ P. M.
Mr. J. B. McLeod, Vice Pres. in the chair -
Minutes of last meeting read & approved -
Election of Officers was next in order and El. resulted as follows -

A. H. Cary. President
Robt. Barbour. V. "
A. B. Marshall. Librarian
A. Henry - Treas.
H. B. Reed - Sec -

The following Treas's report was read & accepted

Selection of papers, &c - for Reading Room was next in order - A motion was made to adopt the same list of papers as taken last year, with an amendment to strike off the "London Illustrated News" & "Scottish Am. Journal" - motion carried as amended -
The motion to add to the list of last year the "Cincinnatti Commercial" - the "Saturday Review" - & the "Galaxy" was carried & the list as adopted stands -

Dailies (News papers)

N. York "Times" - | Philadelphia "Press" -
" " "Tribune" - | Cincinnatti "Commercial" -
" " "World" - | Toronto "Globe" -

Semi Weekly

New York "Evangelist" N. Y. "Evening Post"

Weekly

Princetonian - Harpers Weekly - Presbyterian - Presb. Banner - Lutheran Observer - N. Y. Observer - Ref. Ch. Messenger - Christian Instructor - Mirror - Independent - Interior - Appletons Journal - Evangelist - Methodist - Congregationalist - O. S. Presbyterian - S. S. Times - S. S. World - Occident - Earnest Worker - Christian Union - Herald & Presbyter - Examiner & Chronicle - and Saturday Review -

Magazines (Edinburgh Review)

Harpers Monthly - Sunday Mag. - Scribners - Atlantic - Littells Living Age - Catholic World - and Blackwoods & the Galaxy - London Quarterly.

Missionary Periodicals

American Missionary - Sailors Magazine - Christian World - Baptist Miss. Magazine - Home Mission. - Foreign Miss. - Miss. Herald - Advocate of Peace - Evangel. Repository - Home & Foreign Record - Spirit of Missions - Hitnels, African Repository - Chinese Recorder -

The Nation - College Courant - Nature - Fraser's Magazine - Contemporary Review -

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A motion was made to levy a tax of ($1.50) one dollar & fifty cents on each member of the Seminary using the Reading Room.

Meeting Adjourned.

A. H. Cary. Pres.

Wm B. Reed. Sec.

Feb. 14th. 1873.

A special meeting of the Alexander Society was called by the Pres. A. H. Cary -

The Librarian reported a deficiency of $38.01 - and required to meet the expenses of the society - A motion was made to levy a tax of 25 cts. on each member of the Society - An amendment to make the tax 30 cts. was offered & accepted & after some discussion, the motion as amended was carried - On motion the meeting adjourned

A. H. Cary, Pres.

W. B. Reed

Sec -

Alexander Society Sep 11th 1873

Society met in the Oratory at 5½ P.M. and was called to order by Mr Barbour V.P. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Election of officers declared next in order which resulted in the election of

Mr R Barbour President
Mr W. J. Bridges V.P.
Mr James Chambers Librarian
Mr W. R Evans Treasurer
and J. W. Mann Rec Sec

Treasurers report was then read and accepted which was as follows

	$	cts
Received from subscription & sale papers	181	51
Paid to Librarian for papers & services	179	71
Balance	1	80

Selection of papers magazines &c declared next in order. Moved that the list of last year be placed in the reading room and each member denote the papers and periodicals he desires ~~with~~ upon said list with any others he may wish

The following list was then determined upon

Dailies

N.Y. Tribune N.Y. Times. N.Y. World
Cin. Commercial Toronto Globe Toronto Mail

Weeklies

Presbyterian, N.Y. Evangelist, N.Y. Observer
Congregationalist, Independant, Interior
Harald & Presbyter, British Amer. Presbyterian
Pres Banner, Christian Observer Christian
Union Intelligencer. Occident Chicago
Alliance

Secular

Princeton Pres Harpers Weekly, Nation
Scottish American Journal

Magazines

British Quarterly Reviews. London Quarterly

Reviews, Edinburgh Review The Presbyterian Quarterly and Princeton Review Bibliotheca Sacra Colemporary Review ~~Bibliotha~~ Lippincotts New Englander Our Monthly Atlantic Monthly Good Words

Missionary Periodicals

American Missionary Christian World Baptist Miss Magazine Home Missionary Foreign Missionary Evangelical Repository Advocate of Peace Miss Herald Home & Foreign Record Spirit of Missions African Repository

On motion a tax of $1.50 was levied on all students using the Reading Room

On motion the meeting adjourned

Robt Barbour Pres.

J. W. Mann Rec. Sec.

Sep 25th 1873

Called Meeting

Mr Barbour President in the chair

It having been found that the previous tax of $1.50 per member is insufficient to secure the number of papers desired it was moved that an additional tax of 50cts be levied on each member

Robt Barbour Pres.

J. W. Mann Cor. Sec

October 16th 1873

Called Meeting

On motion the Philadelphia Press was added to the list of dailies

Rob Barbour Pres

J. W. Mann Sec

Alexander Society Sept. 9th 1874

The Soc. met in the Oratory at 3½ P.M. Called to order by Mr. Walter R. Frame the Treas.- Minutes of previous meeting read and approved- Election of Officers next in order, which resulted in the election of

Mr. Williams J. Bridges Pres.
" George T. Purves V. "
" Theodore S. Negley Secy.
" Alfred H. Mondet Treas.
" Hiram Condit Lib.

Treasurers Report then read and accepted which was as follows

Rec'd from last Treas.		1.50
" " Fees		127.25
" " Sale of Papers		32.12
Total Receipts		$161.17

Paid out Librarians Salary	30.00
" " for Newspapers, postage &c	130.10
Total paid out	$160.10
Leaving a balance on hand	$1.07

Walter R. Frame
Treas.

On motion a Committee of three consisting of

was appointed to make a selection of papers, periodicals &c and report at a meeting to be called on Friday evening next after Prayers-

On motion the Soc adjourned

Geo Purves
V. Pres

Theodore S. Negley
Sec.

On the following Friday the Soc. met. the Com. reported & the following papers. periodicals &c. were selected.

Dailies
- N. Y. Tribune
- " Times
- " World
- Phila. Press
- Toronto Globe

Weeklies
- National
- Evangelist
- Congregationalist
- Independent
- Observer
- Witness
- Times & Blessing
- Harpers Weekly

Monthlies
- Scribners
- Atlantic
- Blackwood
- Pop. Science Monthly
- Sunday Magazine
- Contemporary Review

Quarterlies
- New Englander
- Bib. Sacra
- Princeton Rev.
- Edinburg "
- London Quarterly
- British "
- Brit. & Foreign Evang[l] Rev.

On motion Soc. adjourned

S. S. Negley
Secy

Alexander Society Sept. 13th. 1875

The Society met in the Oratory immediately after Prayers and was called to order by Vice Pres. G. I. Purves. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The election of offices was next in order and resulted in the election of—

Mr.	C. S. Barrett	President.
"	R. G. Mc. Nice.	Vice. Pres.
"	D. Scott	Librarian
"	S. S. Cryer	Secretary
"	J. H. Dulles.	Treasurer.

Reports of Librarian and Treasurer were read and accepted. which showed the

Receipts of Soc. to date	149.	73
Expenses " " "	145.	77
Bal. in Treasury	3.	96

On motion a Committee of three consisting of

Mr. G. I. Purves
" J. H. Dulles
" W. J. Rubinkam.

was appointed to make a selection of papers periodicals &c for the Reading Room

On motion a Committee of two was also appointed to wait on the Faculty and ascertain what Periodicals should be preserved for the Library.

On motion the Society adjourned to meet the following Friday.

C. S. Barrett
Pres.

S. S. Cryer
Secty.

1875

Friday, Sept. 17th. — the Society met in the Oratory after Prayers, to hear the reports of Committees. The following Papers Periodicals &c were selected

I. Dailies

Phila. Times
N. Y. Tribune
N. Y. Times
N. Y. World
Toronto Globe.

II Weeklies

Nation
Independent
Observer
Evangelist
Harpers
Congregationalist.
Interior.

III.- Monthlies

Scribner's
Atlantic
Contemp. Review
Blackwood
Popular Science Month.
Harper's.

IV.- Quarterlies

New. Englander
Westminster
British
London
Edinburgh
Princeton Review
Brit & For. Evangelical
Bibliotheca Sacra.

The Committee appointed to wait on Faculty reported, the following Quarterlies to be

presented for the Library - New Englander
Westminster, British, London, Edinburgh,
× Bibliotheca Sacra.

On Motion the Society adjourned

C. S. Barrett - Pres. S. S. Beyer - Sec't.

Theological Seminary.

Princeton, Sept. 14th 1876.

Alexander Society convened in regular annual session, Sept. 14th 1876. R. G. McNeice, V. P. in the chair in absence of the Secretary. N. J. Rubinkam appointed Secretary, pro. tem.

Report of Secretary was called for, but was not forthcoming.

Report of Treasurer was read by J. H. Dulles, as follows:

Receipts	Balance from last year	9.96.
	Recd yearly Dues.	96.00
	" Sale of Papers	29.24
	Total	129.20
Expenditures.	Paid for Papers, &c.	91 36.
	Librarian's Salary	30.00
	Total.	121.36.
	Balance	7.84

J. H. Dulles Treasurer

Report was accepted and adopted.

On motion, the Chair appointed, Messrs. Dulles, Rubinkam and Barkley, as a committee to select list of publications for the Reading Room,

On motion the Society went into election of officers with the following result;

President	Robert G. McKiece.
Vice President	S. J. McPherson.
Secretary	Edward T. Swiggett.
Treasurer	George W. Ely.
Librarian	David R. Workman.

On Motion adjourned to Sept. 15. 1876.

R.G. McKiece
President.

Edward T. Swiggett, Sec
Sept. 15. 1876

The following is the list of Papers chosen for the Reading Room,

Daily	Weekly
New York World	New York Observer
" Times	" Evangelist
" Tribune	" Nation
" Herald	The Independent
Philadelphia Times	The Congregationalist
Cincinnati Commercial	The Interior (Chicago)
Louisville Courier Journal.	Christian at Work
	Harper's Weekly
Monthly	Princeton Press
Atlantic	Saturday Review.
Popular Science	
Scribner	Quarterly
Contemporary	Edinburg
Harpers Magazine	British
	London
	Westminster
	Princeton
	Bibliotheca Sacra

R.G. McKiece
President.

Edward T. Swiggett, Secy

Princeton Sept 11. 1877

The Alexander Society met in the new Oratory in Stuart Hall, after evening prayers; and in the absence of the other officers, was called to order by Mr. G. W. Ely the Treasurer.

On motion the society proceeded immediately to an election of officers, which resulted as follows.

President — Adolph Lehmann.
Vice President — Thomas M. Findley.
Treasurer — James M. Barkley.
Secretary — Charles N. Frash.

The President elect not being present, the Vice president Mr. Findley took the chair.

The following Report of the Treasurer was then read.

Alexander Society in acct. with G. W. Ely Treas.

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To Salary of Librarian	$30.		By Balance in Treas.	7.84
" Papers & Magazines	90.73.		" Sale of Papers	25.31
" Delivery of Mail &c Reading Room	2.		" Subscriptions	101.65
" Balance Cash	12.07		Total	134.80
Total	134.80			

On motion the report was accepted and adopted

On motion a committee was appointed to select a list of papers and periodicals for the reading room, for the coming year; and to report at an adjourned meeting of society. The committee consisted of the following gentlemen.

Mr. D. W. Hathaway.
Mr. D. J. Robertson.
Mr. J. M. Barkley.

On motion Society adjourned to meet on the following Friday after evening prayers.

Charles Noble Frash
Secretary.

Princeton Sept. 14. 1877

The Alexander Society met this evening immediately after evening prayers to listen to the report of the committee appointed at the last meeting to select a list of papers and periodicals. The meeting was called to order by Mr Findley the vice President in the absence of the President.

The report was then read by the chairman of the committee. After some discussion the following list was adopted by Society.

Dailies

N. Y. World, ✓
N. Y. Tribune, ✓
N. Y. Times, ✓
Philadelphia Times ✓

Semi weeklies

Cincinnati Gazette, ✓
Louisville Courier Journal, ✓
Chicago Tribune, ✓

Weeklies

N. Y. Evangelist, ✓
N. Y. Observer, ✓
The Congregationalist
Christian at Work, ✓
Southern Presbyterian, ✓
The Interior,
The Nation, ✓
Harper's Weekly, ✓

Monthlies

Atlantic, ✓ ✓
Popular Science, ✓ ✓
Contemporary, ✓ ✓
Evangelical Christendom (London) ✓
Scribner's. ✓
Harper's. ✓

Quarterlies.

Edinburgh, ✓ ✓
British, ✓ ✓
London, ✓ ✓
Westminster ✓ ✓
Princeton ✓
Bibliotheca Sacra ✓
Southern Presbyterian Review ✓

Bi-Monthly.

North American Review. ✓ ✓

Charles Noble Frost
Secretary.

Members of the Alexander Society

Alexander J.M.
Alexander C.W.
Anderson J.M.
Anderson S.K.
Archer J.G.

Bettis
Bergen G.S.
Benedict B.G.
Bishop.
Branch H.
Bryant
Butler H.E.

Califf S.A.
Cameron D.
Cameron J.
Cochran J.W.
Coffin S.J.
Conklin N.J.
Conn S.
Conan E.P.
Cleavland
Crother J.

Davison R.A.
Dean B.A.
Dechert H.P.
Demarest J.K.
DePree.

Eddy C.

Fisher J.K.
Forman J.P.
Foster A.P.
Foster D.
Fueller C.

Hall
Haight
Harkness G.
Hemstreet O.
Hendy J.F.
Hodge E.B.
Hosford F.
Horn S.H.
Howell G.R.

James W.H.
Jennings P.S
Johns
Johnson J.G
Johnson J.W.
Jones J.H.
Joss.

Kearns J.E.
Kelly J.C.
Kenyon J.L.
Kingdon J.W.
Kingsbury

Littell
Ludlow J.M.

Marr J.M.
Martin
Merrill
McElroy S.C.
McCoy J.S.
McCampell
McKee
Mitchell A A
Morry H M.
Morison C.
Morrison W.T
Myers T. H.

Nourse J.M.

Orr J
Orris S. S.

Parks J. J.
Pearce S.M.
Peres
Perry
Pettingill S.B.
Phelps W.B.
Pitkin
Pomeroy S.W.

Ralston W.W.
Rankin Alex.
Raymond
Remington C.W.
Rule J.

Sayer
Sanford
Saufill W.H.
Scott Robt.
Shearer
Shearer G. L.
Simes S. B
Smith A.C.
Smith G. L.
Smyth G. H.
Stead
Stran W.S.
Somes.

Thompsson J. J.
Thompsson S. H
Torrence.

VanAllen C.E.
Van Cleve
Van Doran
Van Pelt K.
Van Syckel P. B.

Warden
Westcott
Williams M.C.
Wilson A. L.
Wines C.M.
Witheron B. J.
Wright Jno. Jr.
Wyckoff J.C.
Wynkoop J. S

Yale A. S.